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### SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

London, April 28, 5.35 p.m.  
Mr. Asquith (Prime Minister) and Mr. Balfour supported the Anglo-American arbitration meeting at the Guildhall.

Bombay, 20th April, 6.50 a.m.  
The Lord Mayor of London presided at a great representative meeting which was held at the Guildhall.

A resolution was passed in favour of Anglo-American arbitration. The Premier, Mr. H. H. Asquith, moved the resolution, while Mr. A. Balfour seconded it.

London, April 28, 5.35 p.m.  
The result of the "Thousand Guineas" race is as follows:—

1. Atmuh.
2. Radiancy.
3. Knochferna.

London, April 28, 5.35 p.m.  
King Alfonso has purchased a dozen fine Irish thoroughbreds in order to improve the horses in Spain and popularise racing.

London, April 28, 5.35 p.m.  
Agust is to meet Ponce in a competition for the sculling championship of the world in July next.

Tokio, April 29.  
The Mongolian tribes have risen against the Government in the neighbourhood of Chitihar, (Tsitihar?), and have defeated the Government troops.

A score of tribes have joined the movement, and have attacked and burned a number of villages. They cruelly tortured the natives, for the most part burning them to death.

On receipt of the news, the Governor of the Amur Provinces at once despatched a large force of soldiers to the scene, and after a fight there succeeded in quelling the outbreak for the moment.

On the way back, however, to headquarters the soldiers were ambushed by a large force of rebels, and more than a hundred were killed. The remnant have retired on Tsitihar.

Tokio, April 29.  
The Plague Conference at Mukden closed yesterday.

The various delegates, representing ten separate nations, have left for Peking, where they will be received in audience by His Imperial Highness, the Prince Regent.

Dr. Kitazato, who did such good work during the virulent stages of the outbreak, has been appointed spokesman of the various committees, and will explain to the Regent the results of the conference.

London, May 1, 7.10 p.m.  
Mr. Willing Strong, steel founder in a Rangoon firm, left a fortune of £970,624.

London, May 1, 7.10 p.m.  
Admiral Percy Scott is retiring.

London, May 1, 7.10 p.m.  
Barry beat Albany in the sculling race for the championship of England, by seven lengths to-day.

London, May 2, 7.5 a.m.  
The twentieth Dreadnought was launched to-day by Lady Penland at Glasgow.

This is the Conqueror, of 22,680 tons burden and carrying ten thirteen and a half inch guns.

London, May 2, 7.5 a.m.  
Official advices from Constantinople state that the Turkish force under Edhem Pasha encountered and repulsed the Albanian insurgents with heavy loss.

The Turkish force lost forty killed and wounded, but the Albanians suffered much more heavily.

London, May 1st.  
At Bar-sur-Aube a demonstration in favour of the inclusion of Aube in the champagne area led to a collision with the police in which several were injured and a number of arrests were made.

Tokyo, May 4.  
The establishment of two more military divisions which have been long contemplated by the military authorities was decided to be enacted from next year. Negotiations are proceeding as to the selection of grounds for the barracks.

Canton, April 29, 2.45 p.m.  
The rest of the rebels are still in the city, and the gates have been shut again.

Prefect Li, who was attached to the Finance Department of Canton, has been killed.

After the repulse by the Viceroy's bodyguards and the soldiers of the garrison on the night in question, some of the rebels made for the provincial arsenal, in the vicinity of the Fi Loi temple. On arrival there they met a strong force of police and also a force of the imperialist troops, and a severe encounter took place, with heavy loss to the revolutionaries. Besides, many of them were captured. They fled in all directions, but the police and the imperialists did not give chase owing to the darkness. However, they strongly guarded the arsenal until next morning.

At daybreak, the imperialists searched high and low for the revolutionaries. They located them in a shop dealing in rice, in Ko Yeung Lane. Unfortunately the rebels had already built a strong barricade by putting up hundreds of bags of rice behind the door. Here a deadly and long fight ensued between them; at the beginning, the imperialists were losing ground, and made several unsuccessful attempts to bombard the haunt of the rebels. The bombs thrown by the incendiaries were too dangerous for the imperialists to get near. At 11 o'clock the commander of the besieging troops received orders from H. E. the Viceroy to set fire to the rice shop. This had the desired effect. Over thirty of the rebels were burnt to death, and the others ended their lives by killing themselves with revolvers.

From a reliable source we learn that the rising would have taken place at eight o'clock on the night in question, but it was provoked earlier by the arrest of one of the ringleaders. They knew that their plan had leaked out, and they tried to disperse.

On that eventful day the steamer Wing On carried to Canton hundreds of these incendiaries. After gaining access to the city, they found their game was up, and to their surprise they saw that the police were quite ready to arrest them.

Under these circumstances they made for the Viceroy's Yamen, as already reported. During the fight they urged the Viceroy's bodyguards to join them to overturn the government and to kill all the Manchus. However, their inducements proved futile. When the conflagration was spreading, the Viceroy collected his seal and some important documents, and escaped by the same way as his family had done. The Viceroy was strongly guarded by his bodyguards and the guards of Admiral Li. His Excellency was followed by the Provincial Treasurer and the Educational Commissioner on his way to the Yamen of Admiral Li Chun. The Viceroy was wearing a short black coat.

On arrival there His Excellency saw that his younger son was missing. Subsequently the guards of the Admiral found the youth, and brought him to his father. His Excellency meanwhile had telegraphed to a certain member of the gentry saying that the Canton officials were masters of the situation, and that the seal and all important documents were in his hands. He had no time to feel the absence of his younger son, as he was fully occupied with the situation in order to pacify the minds of the people.

Yesterday afternoon, owing to lack of accommodation in the Admiral's yamen, the family of the Viceroy and that of the Admiral were escorted to the outskirts of the city. They went on board a motor launch, Tin On, and proceeded to the gunboat, Kwong Ching, where they are staying on board. His Excellency and Admiral Li Chun were left behind. They were busily engaged in con-

ferring about the search for the rest of the incendiaries. They gave orders to the Captain and Deputy Superintendents of Police to ask their men to assist the troops in going from house to house for the apprehension of the rebels. Soon after the tumult on the night in question, the Canton officials repeatedly telephoned to the Consuls at Shanghai to give them information of the riots, and at the same time despatched deputies to pacify them. It is reported that an American gunboat has made its appearance at Shanghai for the protection of the American subjects.

The morning after the outbreak, His Excellency and Admiral Li Chun respectively wired to Peking and the provinces the news of the tumult, the encounter and the defeat. Afterwards, all the authorities throughout the provinces were requested to pacify the people under their jurisdiction.

It is stated that the ringleader who was arrested was a man of the Pun U district. His name is Wu Sum. He has been educated in Japan, has adopted European garb, and is a little over 20 years of age. He was arrested on the afternoon of the day of the outbreak. All his confederates came from Singapore. Between them they had successfully smuggled a lot of arms into Canton. The plot was betrayed by some of the incendiaries.

Yesterday, along the Bund and Wing Ching Street many arrests of suspects were made; all of them were queueless and were attired in European garb. One of the editors of the native press and a student of the Kiang Wah Hospital were arrested. Fortunately they were liberated. The suspected rebels when arrested were tried at once and if there was any evidence against them, they were removed to be executed at once. It is feared that many innocent people have suffered the same fate. At the time of writing everything is quiet, and the gates are open. All junks have been allowed to clear for the interior.

Great interest, in the doings in Canton, is being shown by the Chinese. Hundreds gather daily outside the offices of the native press here waiting for the latest news.

Canton, May 1, 7.30 p.m.  
There was a state of excitement in the western part of the city this afternoon. Fortunately, nothing of a serious nature occurred.

All the places along Shameen are strongly guarded by the troops.

Canton, May 1, 11 p.m.  
Yesterday a gang of brigands numbering several hundreds marched to Fat Shan by way of Shek-wang from Lok-ehung market. At Tung-chai bridge a severe encounter ensued between the troops, under Commander Ma, and the brigands. There were heavy losses on both sides. Commander Ma was killed during the progress of the fight. The brigands then marched on to Fat-shan. The people were in a state of excitement and women and children were panic-stricken. At last the troops were reinforced and order was restored.

Peking, May 1.  
The Prince Regent intends to reinstate H. E. Shum, ex-Viceroy of Canton, but Prince Ching is not in favour.

Canton, May 1, 9 p.m.  
The brigands in Sam-shui have been circulating a rumour that the Sam-shui prefect has been murdered, in order to loot the place.

Canton, May 1, 9.30 p.m.  
Shui-hing is quiet.

Canton, May 1st.  
H. E. the Canton Viceroy has received a telegraphic decree from the Throne in reply to His Excellency's memorial on the outbreak of the tumult in Canton.

The Throne has been much surprised to hear of the outrage committed by the rebels at the Viceroy's yamen, but gratified that through the prompt and energetic manner with which H. E. the Viceroy and Admiral Li Chun gave orders to the troops in suppressing this outbreak, the progress of the rising was checked

in time and that so many rebels had been killed and brought to justice. The Throne has complied with the Viceroy's request to free the civil and military authorities from blame.

The Throne also praises H. E. the Viceroy for the precautions he has taken before the outbreak, and for the smartness he has displayed in dealing with the situation. As Kwang Tung is a maritime province which has been, and is still being, freely molested by anarchists, the Throne asks H. E. the Viceroy to enforce stringent measures for the apprehension of the revolutionists so as to prevent the recurrence of the outrage. As regards the rebels in this outbreak, who are still at large, the Throne orders the Viceroy to instruct both the civil and military authorities to try their best to bring all of them to justice. H. E. the Viceroy is further requested to telegraph the names of the officials and troops who had died during the encounter preparatory to allowing gratuities to their families.

London, May 2nd, 4.30 p.m.  
The result of the Chester Vase race was as follows:—

1. Mass.
2. Sunder.
3. Oliver Goldsmith.

Shanghai, May 2, 6.10 p.m.  
Arundel, who has been missing from the "Asia" since she went ashore on Finger Rock, has now been found at Ningpo.

The Chinese naval officers refused to search natives for silk.

After the wreck the looters lowered sixty per cent. of the packages into junks.

The wreck was still to be seen yesterday.

Some strong criticism of the manner in which the Chinese naval officers dealt with the situation appears on Page 3.

London, May 2, 4.30 p.m.  
Gray, the Australian, has made a match to play in London. Singapore, May 3rd, 12.50 p.m.

In connection with the tragic death of Mr. W. Steward, who is well-known through Selangor as the late manager of Salak South Mine, Mrs. Proudlock (wife of Mr. W. Proudlock, second master at the Victoria Institute, who is at present acting as headmaster in the absence of Mr. Shaw), has been committed for trial on a charge of murder.

It is probable that the case will be heard on the 15th inst.

The defence indicated is that it is a case of justifiable homicide in defence of honour.

SOME CURIOUS FEATURES OF THE CASE.

The following additional facts as to the above tragedy which was cabled to us by our Singapore correspondent will probably be acceptable to our readers:—

Kuala Lumpur, April 28.—The Steward inquest is fixed for Monday, and the police court proceedings take place the same day. Little fresh news is forthcoming; but in the meantime it appears that the revolver had been purchased only a few days prior to the tragedy, for the alleged purpose of shooting practice.

A strange feature of the case is that there was no indication of blood on the verandah where several shots are said to have been fired, but it is stated that there was blood on the lady's hands and on the lady's hands and clothing.

It is understood that Mrs. Proudlock has no recollection of what happened after the shooting on the verandah; but the fact of the body and revolver being found thirty paces away argues that she followed the deceased while he fled.

The deceased's face and moustache were scorched by proximity to the weapon.

Mr. Steward is reputed to have been a quiet, likeable man. Mrs. Proudlock is now residing with her father, Mr. Charter, of the Public Works Department.—"Straits Times."

Tokio, May 3.  
The application for subscription to the Chinese Bonds, issued by the Yokohama Specie Bank, since Monday had reached a high figure, no less than 20,000,000

yen being subscribed by noon yesterday. The issue lists have been closed.

Tokio, May 3.  
The Chinese shipowners have petitioned the government asking them to endeavour to secure a postponement, till next year, of the enforcement of the new navigation law, by which the Russian Government intend to prevent foreign ships from coasting navigation.

The ship owners have decided upon a common course of action against the Russians, and are determined not to sell their steamers to Russians in the event of the petition not being granted.

Tokyo, May 4.  
The German-Japanese commercial treaty is in progress and the signing of the agreement is expected shortly.

CHESTER CUP RESULT.

London May 3, 7.15 p.m.  
The result of the race for the Chester Cup, which was run off yesterday, is as follows:—

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| Willonix | 1 |
| Yokshop  | 2 |
| Anelora  | 3 |

MORAN V. BROCK.

London, May 3, 7.15 p.m.  
Boxing last night in London, Owen Moran beat Phil Brock in the fourth round, after an exciting struggle.

DATE OF INTRODUCTION.

London, May 3, 7.15 p.m.  
Mr. Lloyd George introduces the first Budget, of the present Government, on Monday, the 15th instant.

THE CITY QUIET.

INSURGENTS EXECUTED.

Canton, May 3, 2.45 p.m.  
The city is quiet. Three of the captured insurgents were executed on Tuesday.

Shameen, May 4, 10 a.m.

A wounded insurgent has surrendered himself to the police and on being questioned discovered the whereabouts of a big deposit of dynamite.

The Viceroy has pardoned the man in view of his confession, and has ordered that other insurgents who turn "King's evidence" shall also be forgiven.

Bombay, April 29, 6.50 a.m.

The Telerin Parliament has discussed the Imperial loan contract, and rejected the Government motion that the second reading of the contract be passed immediately on the ground of urgency.

The result is equivalent to a defeat of the Government.

London, April 28, 2.10 p.m.  
A telegram from Tangier states that the bold attempt of M. Boisset, the French Consular Agent at Alcazar, escorted by troops, to take money and ammunition supplies to Major Bremond has proved unsuccessful. Major Bremond, who is marching with the Malhalla to the relief of Fez, was recently reported to be detained by floods and exhaustion of ammunition; and his force, which is thirty miles from Fez, is now reported to be cut off from relief.

The flying column mentioned in the telegram of the 25th is three thousand strong but cannot reach Fez in less than ten days even if unopposed.

A letter received in Madrid from Fez via Ceuta states that the Europeans there, disguised as Moors, have taken refuge in the French Consulate. They had been there three days unable to leave, as the city was a prey to anarchy. It was feared that the provisions at the Consulate would give out.

There is an unconfirmed report from Tangier that Major Bremond has been killed.

London, April 28, 2.10 p.m.  
Perim natives report that Imora Yahya has been captured at Sanaa.

London, April 29.

A bye-election at Cheltenham, which was held consequent upon the unseating of the last member (Mr. Richard Mathias, L.) owing to illegal practices by his agents, has resulted in the election of Mr. Gardner, the Unionist candidate, who polled 4,043 votes, against the 4,039 secured by Major Mathias. Liberal, a brother of the deceased member.

### REUTERS TELEGRAMS.

Bombay, May 3rd, 7.30 a.m.

The King and Queen of the Belgians have left for Brussels.

Bombay, May 3rd, 7.30 a.m.

The House of Commons discussed the preamble of the Veto Bill promising future reform of the House of Lords. Mr. Barnes moved the deletion of the preamble. The amendment was rejected by 218 votes. Forty-seven Unionists abstained from voting. The House then concluded the Committee stage and the probable was passed without division.

Bombay, May 3, 2.5 p.m.

The Mejliss passed the Bank loan on the 20th of last month after prolonged and vehement discussion.

Bombay, May 3, 2.5 p.m.

It is understood that negotiations are in progress between Russia and Persia for the construction of a railway between Tula and Tabriz.

Bombay, May 3, 2.5 p.m.

Clauses three, four, five and six of the Veto Bill have been passed in the House of Commons.

London, April 29th.

It is reported from Paris that M. Cruppi says that according to the latest despatches Major Bremond's Malhalla is intact twelve miles from Fez.

He does not believe that Major Bremond is dead.

The Casablanca column, after forced marching, is now within fifty miles of Fez.

London, April 30th.

From Tangier it is officially reported that the Major Bremond's force and the Malhalla arrived at Fez on the 29th instant.

London, April 30th.

The death is reported of Mr. R. W. Mansfield, formerly of the British Consular service in China.

London, April 30.

A St. Petersburg message states that M. Sukhomlinoff, the Russian Minister for War, has proceeded to the Far East.

London, April 30.

It is reported from Washington that the U.S. gunboat "Wilmington" has been ordered to proceed from Hongkong to Canton to assist American citizens.

London, April 30.

A St. Petersburg telegram states that information has been received from Mukden to the effect that the delegates to the Plague Conference have encountered opposition from Chinese doctors as soon as they sought to discuss important questions.

London, April 30th.

Router's correspondent at Berlin telegraphs that the German Crown Prince, accompanied by the Princess, will visit the Tzar in the middle of May.

London, April 30th.

The British super-dreadnought battleship cruiser "Princess Royal" was launched at Barrow yesterday. The Duchess of Kiro performed the christening ceremony. The "Princess Royal" has a tonnage of 26,300 tons, and will be armed with 13-1.2 inch guns.

Bombay, May 1, 7.35 a.m.

A telegraphic communication states that a Rabat courier from Mequinez confirms the report that the town was captured by Berbers, after five days fighting. Another message from Fez says there has been no further attack on the town, but some principal beleaguering tribes are quarrelling among themselves.

Bombay, 7.35 a.m.

The French President (M. Fallieres) has returned from Toulon.

The Berlin semi-official "Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" hopes events will permit France to adhere to the Morocco programme. Any transgression of the Algeiras Act will have bad consequences which cannot be disregarded.

Bombay, May 1, 7.35 a.m.

The German gunboat "Hilfs" stationed at Hongkong has been ordered to Canton.

London, May 2, 7.5 a.m.

Queen of the Belgians has arrived in London.

She was given a most cordial reception.

London, May 2nd.

There has been a revival of anti-Semitic feeling in Russia.

The people are again agitated over the rumours that the Jews slaughter Christian children for the purposes of their ritual.

Bombay, May 3rd, 7.15 a.m.

By 209 votes to 105 the House of Commons Committee adopted the second principal clause of the Veto Bill, which was published on the 22nd of March, 1910.

London, May 2nd.

A telegram from Sydney states that the Japanese Antarctic Expedition has returned to that port, having been obliged to turn back on account of icebergs and pack ice, and also because most of the dogs had died.

London, May 2nd.

May Day was quietly observed on the Continent except at Paris, where demonstrations were prohibited, resulting in constant scuffles with the troops and police.

London, May 2nd.

The Japanese Military Mission now at Paris visited the aeronautical park at Versailles, and Messrs Yamaguchi, Toyodi and Mioshi aeroplane to Buc, piloted by French officers.

London, May 2nd.

It is officially reported that Edhem Pasha's force encountered and repulsed the Albanian insurgents, losing forty killed and wounded. The insurgent losses were heavy.

Bombay, May 3rd, 7.15 a.m.

The German Antarctic expedition sails from Hamburg to-day aboard a specially equipped barque, the "Deutschland," which first proceeds to Buenos Ayres.

Bombay, May 3rd, 7.15 a.m.

News from Tangier states that the French column has left Casablanca and Rabat, for Fez.

All Ghars tribes, who are proclaiming a Jihad, are excited.

Shameen, May 2, 6.25 p.m.

The west and south gates are now open, but are very strongly guarded.

The Major-general who was wounded in the recent fight is not dead.

Peking, May 2.

The newly appointed Viceroy of the Three Eastern Provinces has come to the following arrangements with the Board of Foreign Affairs.

1. Sole power to settle diplomatic questions without any interference from the Board.

2. Any questions submitted to the Board for consideration must be attended to by the Board without delay.

3. Sole power to issue foreign loans for the development of the Eastern Provinces.

4. Sole power to appoint advisers.

Peking, May 3.

His Excellency Chang Ming Chi, the Viceroy of Canton, has telegraphed to the Board of Communications urging the Board to prohibit the people from sending telegrams to or from Canton in private code. The Board has complied with the Viceroy's request.

Peking, May 3.

Mutiny has broken out in Tibet and Yunnan among the Chinese soldiers stationed in those places. Fear is entertained that trouble may be anticipated.

Peking, May 3, 11 p.m.

Two anarchists in foreign garb were arrested in a passengers' junk off Wei-chow in East River. Wei-chow is strongly guarded but is quiet.

Peking, May 3.

The Board of Foreign Affairs has telegraphed to Viceroy Li of Yunnan saying that the frontier dispute has been amicably settled with the British Government without any injury to China's prestige. The Board also instructed the Viceroy to notify the public of the settlement of the dispute. The Board further stated in the telegram that the terms of the agreement were not for publication.







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## FAMINE RELIEF.

(29th April.)

From time to time certain provinces in China suffer under the hand of gaunt and terrible famine, and the wealthy nations of the earth come forward with help, freely given and greatly needed. We have had an example of famine and the charity it calls forth only recently in Kiangsi, and although England and America and the Continental nations willingly subscribed large sums for the purchase of grain, and sent out workers to assist the overburdened missionaries, nevertheless the people died in thousands. Indeed this Kiangsi famine has been the worst for many years; the death roll has been simply appalling, and it is no lack of sympathy that prompts us to ask the question, Is this method of relief the best? We think it is not. The famines continue and the charity continues, but at the best the latter is only a palliative, not a cure. It has never yet lessened the severity of the next famine, while it pauperises the energies of the people—if we may so put it—by removing from their minds the knowledge of the necessity of conserving their natural resources. Instead of realising that they must depend upon their own activities, must depend upon the wealth of the pregnant land, they go on living from hand to mouth in the old, old way, knowing that the foreigner will help them when the gods fail and the harvests are not.

In no way is this better illustrated than by the entire lack of knowledge of the value of China's trees and rivers. The people are absolutely indifferent to the spoliation of their forests, and even more indifferent to the condition of their rivers. In almost every part of China the hills have been denuded of their trees, and what might have been a rich countryside is in consequence scarred by the rushing rains, the alluvial top soil washed away and only the yellow, uncharitable under soil remains. With justice do we call it the Yellow Sea. It is thick with the rich soil of China, the soil that would produce abundant crops, and place the people beyond the reach of their great enemy. The rivers, unconserved and untended, have done as much to produce famine as the rains on an unprotected countryside. No attempt whatever is made to keep them in their courses, and when the waters from the hills lacking those natural sponges, the forests, come down the rivers rise and overflow their banks, and wipe out the crops of a whole province. It seems to us that the huge sums of money that have been spent by charitable people on China's famine-stricken peasants might have been better employed and with more lasting effect in teaching them how to avoid the dangers which threaten. Half what has been subscribed in the last twenty years would plant huge tracts of China with trees. It would, again, help largely, at least, to conserve her rivers. Instead of that, a vast sum has been spent with the best intentions in the world, but no permanent result, and next year the same old cry will go up: Millions starving in China! We would like to hear of every mission school in China, and for that matter, every other school as well, devoting at least half its working time to instruction that would bring home to the people some small idea, at least, of the great forces of nature with which they tamper and have tampered for centuries. That indeed would be a good work. We will never cure China of famine by merely gifts of money or grain. We are, indeed, setting a premium on famine by so doing. What is needed is teaching and seed; not cold dollars and cents; and if we recognise our responsibility in producing the latter, that is, if we recognise that we owe a charitable duty to China, we must be consistent and in justice to ourselves and in justice to the people we now pauperise, help them to rise superior to their environment. That is true charity.

## ARBITRATION.

(1st May.)

The resolution in favour of Anglo-American arbitration, which was passed by a huge meeting in the Guildhall, as reported by Reuters, marks a very definite step towards universal peace. The two great branches of the great Anglo-Saxon race see eye to eye in this matter. Neither Great Britain nor America want war. Neither is afflicted with militarism, both are "nations of shopkeepers," are clear-headed, recognising fully the horrors of modern war, and for many years past neither has shown any desire to aggressively extend its possessions. Even without a treaty, they are factors in the march towards peace, but with such an instrument they bring us immeasurably nearer the goal we are slowly if steadily approaching. Although the telegram does not say so, the Guildhall meeting is doubtless the result of the expressions of opinion which have passed between President Taft and Sir Edward Grey, on the former's initiative. The President informed the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs that he "had a splendid idea"—at least that is what he is reported to have said—to hasten universal peace. The full description of the President's idea has not transpired, but Sir Edward Grey displayed the utmost eagerness to discuss it with him, so we may suppose it is "splendid." It was practically certain that an arbitration treaty would follow the discussion of the two statesmen, but what else is comprised in the "idea" we do not know. As Mr. Asquith says: "Wait and see."

The ideal of peace is surely and rapidly being adopted by all peoples, and both these modern prophets, Kipling and H. G. Wells, may yet find themselves in the position of weavers of fairy tales whose tales come true. The extension and development of arbitration would certainly put the world under the administration of what Mr. Kipling calls a "Planetary Board of Control," which would deliver judgment on all disputes. It would not interfere in the international affairs of any country, but national officials would be confined to judges and police and a Cabinet of two or three. The dream may come true; there is, indeed, nothing insurmountable in its way, and only national feelings and racial antipathies to check its development. Both these sentiments, moreover, are less strongly implanted in the human breast now than in other days. We are more tolerant, less sharply divided in ideas, aims and ideals, and the fusion of the races is only a matter of time, time, that is, in terms of world-progress. As surely as America and England have given the rolling ball new impetus, so surely will peace dawn universally.

## PATHETIC REVOLUTION.

The trend of all modern civilisation, of all progress, is to intensify the relationship of man and man; so that the crime of our brother, like a stone thrown into a placid pond, causes disturbances far distant from the actual point of contact. The Chinese, more than any nation on earth, "take in each other's washing"; they are entirely interdependent, and, therefore, revolution hits the people in all parts of the country. An outbreak in Canton, small though it may be and more a flash in the pan than a serious movement, causes misery over a large area and among people far removed from the scene. The conditions imposed on the people by this abortive attempt are indeed only further proof that revolution has gone out of fashion and out of use. The appeal to the sword is inapplicable to modern life, and the sooner the Hotspurs of China realise this the better. They may, and very likely will, cause riots, but these will not be the expression of a people's hatred of its rulers, but the cry of hungry men and women for food. None the less they will be dangerous, and above all things pathetic, for how can one take seriously a revolution that must degenerate into mere bread riots? We may hear at any moment of such occurring at Canton, but to honour them by

calling them anti-dynastic risings, would be ridiculous. The present outbreak may cause a good deal of bloodshed. It will certainly bring misery to the people and that without in the least helping them to an improved Government.

## THE PLAGUE CONFERENCE.

(2nd May.)

The plague conference at Mulden, the first of its kind ever held in all China, has now come to an end, and as far as one may judge from the necessarily meagre accounts of its findings it has advanced a considerable distance towards determining the main mediums at least of infection. As we have already stated in these columns, the terrible scourge under which Manchuria and North China groined was brought upon them from the Mongolian and Siberian fur-hunting tribes. The marmoset was supposed to carry a flea which bred the disease, and we now learn from our cables from Peking that this insect has been subjected to various tests which prove it to be harmful. It is of a species unknown until now to entomology, biting with a forcefulness that buries the head in the skin of the victim. The effects are very rapid. Live animals subjected to the bite died more rapidly than even the guinea pig does under similar tests. The Conference has, of course, arrived at other results, but had it not, its convening would have been amply justified by this discovery.

We are as yet ignorant of the suggestions made by the delegates with a view to removing the danger of pneumonic plague from North China. They have arrived at Peking and are being received in audience by His Imperial Highness the Prince Regent. It is not likely that they will arrive at any definite plan for some time, but the little we know of their work calls forth our congratulations. They have done well, and will we are sure formulate a policy that will protect the north from the terrible scourge which so recently visited it. The Central Government, too, has to be complimented on the spirit in which it has approached this problem. It has shown energy, capacity and foresight, and has in the few weeks that have elapsed since the Conference met, shown itself in a new light to the world.

## USELESS BUT, UGLY.

(3rd May.)

The molehill rising of a few disaffected persons at Canton threatens to become a mountain. The "revolution" which practically failed in the beginning has now carried death and destruction to several West River towns. We must blame the Manchurian banner troops for this. In overwhelming force, they have utterly failed to take the opportunity afforded them by the premature outbreak of the rising, and now they find themselves opposed by a well-armed force, with a war chest of surprising dimensions, and are faced with what has every indication of being a demoralising little war. We do not for a moment believe that the revolution will attain its object—the overthrow of the Throne—but it would be madness to attempt to minimise its evil potentialities. The "insurrectionists" have already expended about half a million dollars. They are rich; let there be no mistake about that; rich with the monies sent them by the supporters of the Ching who live in foreign lands. Chinese-American money, Chinese-Straits Settlements money, even Chinese-English money is behind the bands now ravaging the countryside around Canton. They are besides possessed of the most modern arms that have been steadily smuggled to them for months, for years past, and we can take no comfort from the fact that they do not practice the measured march of trained battalions, for they have once defeated the Imperial troops in something very like a pitched battle—and that after they had been disastrously shelled by gun-boats. The ordered ranks may be lacking, but the courage, the indifference to death is most certainly there, and we must face the certainty of a protracted struggle over a scattered area.

It is not for us to suggest ways and means to the Canton authorities, but in view of the large commercial interests which bind the interior and Hongkong, we cannot be accused of rushing where angels would fear to tread if we respectfully hint that a battalion or two of the well-trained, well-armed and courageous northern troops, the Poyang troops, be immediately asked for. They could be sent down to Canton in fast steamers. They are needed, for twenty thousand odd men under the Viceroy in Canton have not covered themselves with glory. They are loyal enough apparently, but they are certainly not so efficient. The revolution should never have reached the stage it has. Herein lies the gravest danger. The people would far prefer to live in peace than join any crusade no matter how necessary; but the flame of discontent has been sedulously fostered for months past and the ignorant and poverty-stricken peasant is oftentimes ready to respond to the call of loot. We know that the rebel bands have already been swelled by countryside recruits, apart altogether from the valuable help they are receiving from the brigands; and we therefore feel justified in suggesting that the Poyang troops be employed. We have seen them in camp, and we have seen them handling a serious riot. They are good men; and would blot out this ugly, useless little revolution in a few days.

## FRANCE AND MOROCCO.

(4th May.)

Another milestone in the troublesome history of Morocco has been reached, and the movement of a French column from Casablanca upon Fez, is but the logical outcome of the trend of events during the past few months. For a good number of years, Moroccan affairs have given an inordinate amount of trouble to all the chancelleries in Europe, governed as it is by an autocracy, and subject to religious influences, which severely repress all progressive tendencies. Morocco has raised more than one question, over the solution of which strained relations have arisen. In fact the only time, when European governments seemed to be really in perfect accord, was in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, when they all combined, for the purpose of putting down the Sall rovers, who were the pests of the Mediterranean. For practically the last century, the dominating influence in the country has been that of France, if not with England's absolute acquiescence, at least without her active disapproval. Yet, despite the guidance of France, Morocco has made few strides towards law and order. However good and wise the laws of the autocracy may have been, their effect has been nullified by as corrupt an administration as can be comprehended. Law has yielded place to avarice and has been set at naught in the most flagrant manner. So much so that brigands have actually held the Sultan's commander in chief to ransom, and to free him, a pardon and a lucrative sinecure has had to be given to the miscreant.

The cause of the present trouble dates back, in reality, to 1905 when the Kaiser, recognizing the advantage of securing the controlling influence in a country whose northern extremity commands the entrance to the Mediterranean, attempted to weaken the status quo of France, and himself gain the coveted position. Having done so the cession of sufficient ground for fortification opposite Gibraltar would inevitably follow. Though this move failed through the Algeiras Conference, yet the work had been done. France no longer held the paramount position that she did, and the Moroccan government has learnt to disregard much which in former years had been attended to. French diplomatic notes have been ignored and the position of the Powers has been considerably discounted from what it was before. Though the Algeiras Conference threw a little oil on troubled waters, matters have gradually progressed towards a crisis, and it is little wonder that the French have at last made a move. Unfortunately the

only available tactics now must lead to bloodshed, and that any fighting, that takes place, will necessarily be severe and prolonged, can be readily anticipated, when it is noticed that a jihad or Holy War has been preached. This immediately brings to the support of the Moroccan Government every able bodied Mussulman. Tribal hatreds, burdensome taxation, injustice and poverty are all forgotten. It is now no longer a matter in which the common people take no ex parte interest, it is no longer a question of government versus government, but one of religion against a Power. That the Moroccan government are responsible for proclaiming a holy war no one for an instant doubts. It was a strong move; it united the people and secured an immense and fanatic army and the only hope is that the French are sufficiently strong and ably commanded to inflict one decisive blow which will put an end to further warfare, and at the same time reinstate her to that position which she held prior to the interference of other Powers.

## THE CORONATION.

(5th May.)

The Coronation Celebrations Committee are to be heartily congratulated upon the excellent programme they have drawn up, the main details of which we published in yesterday's issue. The scheme of illuminations is entirely adequate, and assures Hongkong of worthily marking its appreciation of the important and historic event which we will honour in June next. It is a scheme that embraces every unit in the life of the Colony, and although not yet complete we can readily realise that it will turn the Island of Fragrant Streams into a veritable fairyland on the nights of the celebrations. The work of the Committee was not so easy as one might suppose. Various interests and peoples had to be reconciled into one harmonious whole. Civilian Europeans, the British men-of-war, the regiments, the merchantmen, the Chinese and Japanese communities, have all been given a place in the programme, and have, indeed, been blended admirably. We join the Committee in expressing the hope that the merchant craft, as far as the exigencies of their duties allow, will assist the warships to illumine the harbour.

We are a little disappointed that no mention is made in the incomplete programme submitted of a parade of troops, and we cannot imagine that no such thing will take place. The suggestion was first made in these columns—and we know that many of our readers endorse it—that it would be no more than fitting that a review of our naval and military forces should be a feature of the principal day. It seems to us that the processions and the bands, the fireworks and the coloured lights would lack the necessary background if the forces of the Crown do not lead to them the dignity which is not intrinsic of coloured lights and similar expressions of public spirit. The difficulties in the way are probably not slight, but, as we have said before, they are not insurmountable. We hope something will be done in this direction. Few of us here in Hongkong have seen our forces in full review, and the occasion seems a most fitting one to afford the loyal residents of this colony an opportunity of appreciating the men who guard our shores for King and Country.

BRICKS WITHOUT  
STRAW.

The extraordinary adaptability of the Chinese is a characteristic of the potentialities of which are not without interest to a trading and commercial community that has something to sell them. It should indeed be watched carefully in its workings for it is a characteristic that makes for independence—the independence that frees them from the necessity of buying outside the confines of their own land. An illustration comes to us from far away Szechuan, from a little China inland. Mission station 1,500 miles from the coast. Here an English medical missionary, Dr. William Wilson, is actually turning out in large quantities every variety of electrical appliances. Dr.

Wilson found it hard to interest the people of his district in foreign studies; they were self-complacent literati of the Confucian school; until he hit upon the happy idea of giving an "exhibition" of the wonders of electricity. The result was instantaneous. The students, boys of twenty, men of sixty years and more, flocked to hear him and later begged him to open a school where they could learn all that there was to be known. That school is now making Wimshurst machines, induction coils, telegraph instruments, wireless telegraphy apparatus, batteries, telephones, microphones, galvanometers, electro-magnets, electric motors, and a hundred and one other things; and the students are doing this work with the scanty means at their disposal—the hair springs of broken-down clocks, ordinary copper wire, the brass they can find here and there. So great was the demand for broken-down clocks that, according to Dr. Wilson, the inhabitants of the city "mildly remonstrated," pointing out that their clocks were not getting broken fast enough for Dr. Wilson's requirements. The place where this fairy work is being carried out is a two weeks' junk journey and a five days' overland ride beyond Ichang. It would be almost impossible to bring safely electric apparatus to such a place from the coast. It would probably arrive broken in pieces; but the good people of this distant province are now enjoying many of the comforts of life which electricity has given us.

There is food for reflection in this. The change has been wrought in an incredibly short space of time. A district of large area is now enjoying some of the most advanced benefits of civilisation and modern science, and yet has never seen an example of the necessary machinery except what they have made themselves. Even Dr. Wilson's original exhibits were made by him, assisted by a Chinese blacksmith, a joiner and a tin smith. A people who can do this will not long need what we can sell them.

LAUNCH OF THE  
"ORION."

The launch took place, Wednesday morning, at the yard of Messrs. W. S. Bailey & Co., Ltd., of Mr. J. B. Wood's new motor boat, the "Orion." The vessel measures 60 feet over all, has a beam of 12 ft. 6 inches, and a draught of 4 ft. 6 inches. She is to now proceed to Vancouver where she will be fitted with Eastern Standard engines of four cylinders, developing 72 h.p. The craft is painted white with gold lining. Inside every available space has been utilized. The fittings of the saloon are Philippine mahogany, for the after cabin, Japanese oak, and the remainder, teak. The engine room is placed up forward in a separate steel-lined bulkhead, completely isolated from the rest of the ship.

The ceremony of christening the craft was gracefully performed by Mrs. Harvey, before a company of guests, among whom were: Mrs. Edwards, Messrs. J. B. Wood, Humphreys, N. K. Davidson, Young, Bailey, J. Morecki, Guy, J. Ross, Ramsay, Pritchard and Harvey.

After the vessel had successfully taken the water the company went on board, where in a short speech Mr. Wood expressed satisfaction with the craft and handed Mrs. Harvey a suitably engraved silver card case, as a memento of the occasion. He also proposed the toast of the builders.

Mr. Bailey in reply pointed out that Mr. Wood had thought out his own plans for the vessel, and so well had he done so that they had to make no alterations. He wished them to drink to the owner, his wife and the vessel.

Mr. Wood suitably replied and Mr. Harvey, on behalf of his wife, thanked him for the memento of the launch, thus bringing a very pleasant function to a close.

The "Ceylon Observer" hears there is a project on foot to start a big Coconut Company and that this is one of the objects of Mr. R. M. Latham's visit to Ceylon. Whether the new company is to be floated in London or Ceylon is not yet definitely known.

INSURGENTS FORCE  
IGNORANT VILLAGERS  
INTO RANKS.REBELS FLEE AT SIGHT  
OF GUNBOATS.

SEVERE ENCOUNTER.

WIRELESS APPARATUS  
DAMAGED.ORDER RESTORED AT  
CANTON AND FATSHAN.

Canton, May 2.

On the 28th April about two thousand insurgents hauled up their flag of "independence" at Lok Chung market in Shun Tak district. They took possession of the barracks of the local forces and after seizing all the arms and ammunition, took up quarters there. They declared that they would join their party in Canton. Day and night they induced the ignorant villagers to join them and forced them to discard their queues. However, no harm was done to the villagers and they promised them every protection. As the night came on, the gunboats "Kiang-ku" and "Kiang-kung" went rapidly up the river. Rays of the search-light were flashed by the gunboats on to the shore. As soon as the rebels caught sight of the war crafts, they fled in all directions. The following afternoon, they came down in boats from Lok Chung market by way of Lam-shik and Shok-wan. Their movement was probably a design on Fat Shan. Half way they met the two gunboats "Kiang-ku" and "Kiang-kung." A severe encounter took place. The Kiang-kung mounted the machine guns and opened fire. Over one hundred of the insurgents were killed while some were drowned. The pilot on board the gunboat "Kiang-kung" was shot dead by the rebels besides five sailors. The wireless apparatus installed on board was also damaged. As the rebels were losing ground, they made for the shallow water so as to prevent the gunboats from getting near them. Three hundred of them reached Fat-shan in spite of the heavy loss and landed there. These rebels then set fire to the local military official's yamen and demolished the local police station by throwing bombs. A large number of buildings were enveloped in flames. Ultimately the naval troops managed to land at Fat-shan by some other means and repulsed the rebels. One portion of the rebels escaped to Tung-chai-bridge. There they met the local garrison and the braves. Here a deadly encounter ensued and Commander Ma was killed. Twenty-seven braves met with the same fate. The casualties on the rebel side were heavy. Afterwards they made a hasty retreat. Early yesterday morning Admiral Li Chun dispatched Commanders Wu Chung-yu, Shi Kong-ling and Li Shing-chun with reinforcement for Fatshan by train. On the same afternoon, Commander Wu telegraphed to the Canton authorities that the tumult at Fatshan had been subdued and order had been restored. The Commanders will return to Canton within the next few days. On receipt of the telegram of Commander Wu, Admiral Li Chun at once sent out Commander Lam Shing-tung, attached to the Canton recruits corps, with some of his men to go round the city of Canton advising the gentry, the merchants and the public to resume their usual business and informing them that order had been restored in Fatshan. Commander Lam at the same time notified the editors of the local press to publish in their columns that things were quiet both in Fatshan and Canton so as to pacify the minds of the people. At the same time the Self-Government Society distributed hand bills to the same effect for the information of the public.

Telegraphic advice has been received in Tokio of the sudden death of Captain Marble, formerly naval attaché to the American Embassy in Tokio. Captain Marble committed suicide by shooting himself with a revolver at his home in Washington on April 4th. He was in Tokio during the Russo-Japanese war and afterwards served in the Philippines. Captain Marble was only forty-two years of age.



## OUT LETTER BOX.

## THE KOWLOON RAILWAY.

To the Editor of the "Telegraph."

Sir,—It is with that agreeable sense of detachment from all responsibility and risks, at once the comfort and qualification which enables the onlooker to see most of the game, that I venture again to offer a few observations on the Council proceedings reported in your issue of yesterday.

The generous reference to "Outsiders" previous letter, made by the hon. Colonial Secretary, more stimulating, perhaps, than merited, may have operated to call forth this additional contribution to the literature on the subject. For few of us are fully conscious of all the determining influences which govern life's simplest activities; and most of us labour under the pleasing fiction that we are able, at times, to add a little to the accumulating volume of human knowledge.

The commercial member of your Legislative Council certainly deserves to be congratulated on having the courage of his convictions. Such virile opposition is distinctly healthful. One may from experience know the necessity, usefulness and resulting advantages of combatting the proposals, plans and policy of Crown Colony Governments. But, on the other hand, it must in fairness be admitted, that wisdom does not always have its springs in unofficial sources. It is not infrequently the case, that the administrative horizon is wider than the commercial view, that the perspective from the official executive standpoint is truer and seen through a more clarified atmosphere, than as discerned from mercantile altitudes, which seldom rise quite above the encircling mists of legitimate trade and vested interests. Indeed, one of the many functions that the official administering such government is expected to perform, is to foresee possibilities of development, to lure to brighter prospects and to lead the way. In the serene calm of his study, unaffected by the periodic fluctuations of commerce and equally uninfluenced by even cyclonic disturbances in exchange, that mastery of the silver wire East, he is, manifestly, in a more favourable position to judge dispassionately all enterprises conceived for the wider welfare of the people, and to gauge, with greater accuracy, the measure of permissible financial burdens, which the colony ought to carry, alike for its own advancement and as a guarantee of imperial stability and progress. Our merchant princes, like the founders of all great business ventures which have achieved colossal success, have been trained, perforce, in the school of commercial expediency. They cannot, if they would, escape from the influence of that spirit. The beneficent law of habit makes it extremely difficult, if not impossible, for them to regard, with favour, any investment that does not, at least, promise a return in a measurable period of time and at farthest within the natural term of life. Unlike the builders of empire they cannot project their interests, or their undertakings, into a remote future and be content to lay the unseen foundations on which posterity alone will eventually raise the superstructure of an ample return, a fuller dominion. Some such reason, surely, must be the true explanation of the attitude still maintained by the hon. member, representing the Chamber of Commerce, towards the framers of the original railway estimate, and against the provision of funds for fully equipped locomotive workshops. A wider experience would have saved the hon. member, from his undignified insistence in trotting a preliminary forecast of probable capital cost, with the seriousness which usually attaches to a proper estimate, prepared after the final location survey and ascertained quantities of work, computed from the data of actual measurements, and completed plans. The former is a rough guess at the cost of a project based on a mere reconnaissance survey, and at normal rates for which similar work has been done elsewhere under like conditions. It is obvious that such a forecast in a new and untried field

must be largely conjectural. But, even assuming that a nearer approximation to actual cost might, with more care, have been originally presented by the responsible engineers it would still have been an unreliable estimate for purposes of actual construction. The detailed plan and specific work estimates would still have been necessary to determine, with any degree of accuracy, the amount of capital required to construct the line. And it is only such an estimate that lends itself to critical examination and justifiable comment. Furthermore, the hon. member seems to be unaware that it is the exception, rather than the rule, for an original estimate of an important and complex project, like a railway, involving large outlay and comprising numerous subsidiary works, to provide for every unforeseen contingency and to eventually prove to be an exact measure of expenditure incurred. A slight acquaintance with the history of our other Crown colonies and overseas dominions sufficiently illustrates this. Take for instance the Uganda Railway. Who has not read the painful record of that noble undertaking? Its estimated cost originally placed at £1,000,000. Five times that sum was actually spent before it was finally built. Here was room for adverse criticism, and the pages of Hansard bear witness how unostentatiously was noted out the construction committee responsible to the Foreign Office and to the engineers in East Africa. Upon completion, despite the inexactitude of revised estimate after estimate, the engineer-in-chief was rewarded with a K.C.B. and the then government breathed a sigh of relief, or sung a psalm of thanksgiving, that they had not to continue asking for further parliamentary grants. Some, uncharitably, thought that the honour of knighthood conferred was an ingenious form of white-washing the engineer-in-chief and all concerned. I could multiply instances, but must confine myself to one other example.

Looking across the dark continent we see a somewhat similar condition of things, though on a smaller scale. The systematic advancement of our West African Colonies called for the investment of borrowed capital in developmental railways. The reconnaissance survey's forecasts of requirements were wholly misleading, and even the original detailed estimates proved to be grossly inadequate. The usual cry of extravagance and endlessly expensive works was heard. But no one to-day has the temerity to question the wisdom of the Colonial Office in making that investment, or to repeat the old cry of wasteful expenditure. It is now recognised that a prescient secretary was then directing our colonial affairs. The larger issues of Imperial federation and British supremacy under the Southern Cross would probably have been more than enough to overtax the thought and energies of a less astute mind. But on the chess-board of Imperial politics the British West African pawn was not overlooked by the great master-player, and its advancement may some day play an important part in the combined move and the resulting checkmate to the political aspirations of our African neighbours.

In respect of the railway locomotive workshops, the hon. member and his supporters concede that certain machineries are probably requisite, but contend that all repairs and renewals need not be executed by the railway staff. In the absence of a fuller knowledge of the commercial member's desires and opinion on this point, it is impossible to judge whether such an arrangement would be feasible or satisfactory. The general public, however, cannot fail to notice the existence of a latent tenderness for a certain class of commercial concerns, rather than that broad sympathy with trade interests in general which the Chamber of Commerce, without partiality, must surely entertain and be desirous of exhibiting. The river steamship companies seem to take a more philosophic view. The railway will assuredly enter into active competition with the pre-existing water-route traffic. Rail-borne trade will inevitably influence steamer freight earnings. But this is no reason why the admitted advantages of railway communication should not be secured for the general weal.

To an outsider there appears to be something polly in the contention that the mechanical repairs, required on a government railway, should be executed in private workshops, on the ground, forsooth, that such repairs, if done departmentally, will adversely affect trade interests. There cannot surely be any undue competition, unless and until the railway workshops begin to do extraneous work for private parties. This, of course, is not permissible. But that engine and vehicle repairs should be given out to contract both on the score of economy and also to foster our local industries is equivalent to recommending the British artisan to abolish his domestic wash-tub by patronising the new Chinese laundries, now multiplying at home, and to thus reduce the weekly cost of living.

To suggest that the unofficial members should "think imperialist" is to give a personal illustration of what Milton terms "the narrow intellects of quotationists." But it may not be out of place here and now to picture the sober possibilities which lie in your little railway and its future connections.

When in the early sixties the writer heard the Father of Equatorial Africa—David Livingstone—lecture on the great unknown land, little did he dream that within the century the whistle of the locomotive would awaken the echoes of those primeval depths or that he himself would travel on a British railway running from the coast to the shores of the great Nyanza, immortalised by the greater name of Victoria. The impossible of yesterday has become the commonplace of to-day. The popular knowledge of Central African geography in those days, to the schoolboy's delight, was confined to the known mountains of the moon and to the unknown sources of the Nile. The map was then a nameless, colourless void, conveniently suggestive of a desert. The morning tint of Britain's Empire has, for years past, crimsoned most of that unknown region, and the dawn of its deliverance from savagery is steadily breaking into day. The railway engineer and his subordinate, the platelayer, have been pioneers in opening up the dark places of the earth and civilising barbarous peoples. The value of their services has but partially been recognised. Some day, perhaps, we shall attach the same reward to the scientific alignment of a tropical railway as we do now to the strat and mimicry of the stage and to the phenomenal success of a grocery store or a sugar refinery.

The development of railway enterprise in China in recent years is introducing a new element into its trade conditions, a new factor into the problems of commercial life and into Chinese politics. Hongkong, as the cross-road of international sailings and the world's seaborne trade must, of necessity, be greatly affected by these altered conditions. To retain for your port the premier position it has so long held, it was absolutely necessary to connect it by railway with southern and central China. This has been wisely and well done. Within the next decade trains ought to be running between Hongkong and Hankow and Hankow and the borders of Tibet, while through bookings of goods and passengers will be established between London and Lhasa, Switzerland and Szechwan.

When that time arrives, it requires no spirit of divination to foretell that the value of land on the Kowloon foreshore will have more than doubled in value, and your Government been forced, under pressure of necessity, to erect railway wharfs and godowns to meet the growing demands of rail-borne trade. Experience has elsewhere painfully proved the unwisdom of planning only for the day of small things, and the true economy of making adequate provision for magnificent expansion by timely and large expenditure. It is as safe, as it is easy, to prophesy that, at no very distant date, Canton will become the Chicago of Southern China, from which centre railways will radiate into the region beyond. When that day comes, a visitor to Hongkong will wonder, not at the restrictive recommendations of your unofficial members, but at the hesitancy of your government to comply with the demands of a clamorous

Chamber of Commerce for fuller facilities to meet the growing needs of a still expanding trade.

For the inordinate length of those lucubrations, and for my presumption in addressing you at all,

I apologise as an  
OUTSIDER.  
Hongkong, April 28.

## COMMERCIAL.

## YARN MARKET.

Messrs. Polishwalla and Kotwall write:—Since our last report on the 15th inst. by S.S. "Dolli," our yarn market has remained weak. Buyers show very little inclination to operate owing to the absence of inquiry from the interior, and as the exchange is steadily rising they remain more quiet in the expectation of a further decline in prices.

Sales during the interval are about 700 bales at a reduction of \$1.2; and we close with a dull and drooping tendency. Total sales are 700 bales; unsold stocks 32,500 bales, and sold but undelivered in the godown and to arrive 22,000 bales.

## HONGKONG SHARES.

Messrs. E. S. Kadoorie and Co. report:—Business shows signs of improvement, a fair amount having been transacted during the week under review.

Rubber in the earlier part of the week came by cable from London as low as 4s. 9d., but has since recovered somewhat, the quotation now being 5s. 3d. Rubber reports that at last week's auction 400 tons were disposed of, this being the second largest auction put through this year. Shares are quiet with an undercurrent of strength.

## FREIGHT CIRCULAR.

Messrs. Lanks and Rogge report:—The general position of the freight market has changed but little since issue of our last circular, the past fortnight also proved a depressed one, and chartering business remained within very narrow limits. With regard to employment for steamers down South, orders for prompt loading are almost entirely absent at the time of writing. Saigon millers will however shortly have worked off the extensive contracts entered into with Japan and Europe and arrivals of paddy from the interior proving to be more liberal lately, a better demand for tonnage should set in soon. Reports from the North also speak of demand not being as a fortnight ago, nevertheless regular liners seem to be well employed. Saigon to Hongkong to rate has advanced to 14 cents per picul. There seems to be no signs of a rise in rates until sufficient stock of grain in Saigon allows charterers going in for fresh business.

Saigon-Philippines—Locally no charters have come to pass during the interval, what was offering has been taken by Manila owned boats.

Saigon to Singapore.—A couple of fixtures have been done, the rate working out at 16.15 cents per picul.

Saigon to Java and Java Outward.—Nothing doing in either direction.

Bangkok to Hongkong.—There is no opening for outsiders. Newchwangor Canton.—Three fresh fixtures are on record on basis of last rates paid.

Coal freights from Japan are unchanged with enquiries for further tonnage.

Fixtures Reported:—Mojito or Hongkong \$2.—Port Courbet or Swatow \$2.30. Haiphong filling up at Kobao or Swatow \$2.35. \$2.45. Haiphong or Swatow \$2.20, per ton.

Sales:—Some further vessels are reported sold to Japan. S.S. "Jenny," "Dundas," "Indrapura," "Hydra," and "Nanshan," on private terms.

## BILLIARDS.

The following are the results to date in the Y.M.C.A. billiard handicap. In the first round Messrs. Bolden, Bishop, Nish, Higginbotham, Watkins, and Harper have won their games. In the second round Messrs. Grant, Nicholson, Barlow, Nish, Watkins, McPherson, Tobias and Haigh have been successful, and in the third Messrs. Nish, McPherson and Opt. Nicholson have won.

## AMERICAN CITIZEN'S ACCOUNT OF THE RISING.

## Gates of City Locked.

Friday night there returned on the Fatsan from Canton among other passengers Mr. F. B. Babcock, a well-known Chicago citizen, who with his wife is making a tour of the Orient. They left Chicago in November last and hope to return by September. Mr. Babcock came in on the Australian from Saigon, and informed us in the course of a chat that two of the propeller blades of the vessel were lost and she had to go into dry dock at Saigon.

He left by the Zafiro Saturday on a visit to the Philippines, in which he has taken a great interest for some time, and the most distant of American possessions. He will return here on the 17th, and proceeds north as far as the Yangtze, visiting Mr. Calloun, the American Minister at Peking, and will then proceed to Changchow, and from there to Japan.

Asked as to the Canton emote Mr. Babcock stated that they left Hongkong on Thursday night and there was a big crowd on board. Everything went on very well until they came to their anchorage, when they found they were not allowed to land. Then there came aboard a number of secret agents looking for the revolutionaries, and he was credibly informed that between twenty and thirty managed to get off quietly without any search by Government officials. Two gunboats gave chase, but one ran on a sandbank and a mishap occurred to the machinery of the other.

The Europeans were allowed to land soon after 8.30, but they found that the gates of the city were locked. After rambling round, it was found that one place was open and they went inside the new part of the city for a short distance. There could be no question that there was an air of suppressed excitement about the whole city. Later in the day instructions were given that navigation had to be suspended, but the British Consul evidently put his foot down, and the French boat and the Fatsan were allowed to proceed.

Coming back they found the lower docks were packed with Chinese of the better class, who were leaving with their little bundles of valuables for Hongkong and safety.

Mr. Babcock continued that he had been informed by a gentleman, who had some authority for speaking, that close on \$3,000,000 had been banked that day on the Shameen by Chinese.

## RUN ON NATIVE BANKS.

## THE RECENT FAILURES AT SWATOW.

In Shanghai the Taotai had to issue proclamations with regard to the solvency of the Yu Ning and Yu Soo Banks, which were threatened with a run on them.

As the result of a current rumour, a run has been made on the Tai Ching branch Bank at Swatow by its depositors. Fortunately the bank had enough reserves, and met the demands of its customers promptly. The Bank has since been doing business as usual.

The news of the run made on the Tai Ching bank at Swatow spread to Canton some days ago, and widely and rapidly reached the ears of the uneasy depositors. Had it not been for the timely issue of notifications by the Provincial Treasurer and the Taotai for the Promotion of Industries, and the distribution of home bills by the Canton Banking Investigation Society, assuring the public of the soundness of the Tai Ching Bank, and repudiating the news of its insolvency, scenes similar to that in Swatow might have occurred in Canton.

## LAWN TENNIS.

The final in the Young Men's Christian Association's tennis tournament was played on Tuesday, when Mr. C. O. Hickling met Mr. A. N. Joseland. After a hard struggle the latter won, the sets being 2-0, 2-0, 7-5, 6-2.

## COMPANY MEETING.

## H. PRICE AND CO., LD.

The annual ordinary meeting of shareholders of H. Price and Co., Ltd. was held at the Company's offices Saturday at 12.30 p.m. Mr. Chan Kai-ming presided and there were also present Messrs. A. Ramjahn, Lau Po-wing, J. J. Blake, A. R. Lowe, P. Loureiro, O. Mooney and A. Charlton, Secretary.

The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen.—The report having been in your hands now for some days, I will with your permission follow the usual custom, and take it as read. My predecessor who occupied this chair at the last annual meeting stated that he saw no reason why our business should not continue to increase, as our policy has ever been to offer the public the best value. This anticipation, I am happy to announce, has proved correct, as in spite of the fact that we last year gave up the agency of a most widely advertised whisky of which we sold on the average about 300 cases a month, and in spite also of the fact that last year there were abnormal quantities of liquor sold at the auction rooms in consequence of some firms giving up their liquor business, our business for the past year showed an increase over the previous year. Our turnover during the first quarter of this year has also shown an increase. You will be pleased to learn that we have secured the contract to supply the Royal naval canteen in Wei-hai-wei from the 1st July next with the same brand of beer as has been supplied by us for some time past to the naval canteens here, and in Canton, and in order that our contract may be carried out to the full satisfaction of the naval authorities as has been done here, we will send one of our assistants to Wei-hai-wei to look after our business. Our principal brands of wines, spirits and beers are imported direct from some of the biggest and most well-known distillers, brewers, and winegrowers, from whom we hold the sole agencies, and whose products are popular all over the world. We pay no intermediate commission, and are thus able to place their goods before the public at rock bottom prices. As our business increases we require additional capital, and for this reason we have decided to issue the 3,000 unallotted shares, balance of the 15,000 shares authorized to be issued by our articles of Association, at \$12 per share, which is 20 per cent. premium on a \$10 paid up share. The premium will be set aside for the reduction of the good-will account. The new shares are issued to shareholders pro rata to their holdings, but in order to enlist the continued support of our customers and constituents, our managing director, who is entitled to a great portion of the new issue, will be glad to give them some out of his allotment, if they wish to become shareholders. All our known bad and doubtful debts have been written off, and after providing a reserve of \$5,000 for bad and doubtful debts, our divisible profit for the year ending 31st December 1910 is \$33,003.08, of which we propose to pay a dividend of 15 per cent., viz., \$1.50 per share, to write off good-will account \$10,000, and to carry to this year's account, \$5,003.08. Our expenses, as a result of the Liquor Ordinance, which necessitates the keeping of an extra set of books, an increase of staff, the running backwards and forwards for permits, etc., to the Imports and Exports Department, the upkeep of a licensed warehouse and the payment of a licence fee for the warehouse, together with our increased business, have been necessarily heavier than previous years, and we therefore welcome the proposal of the Government for the concentration of all licensed warehouses for European wines in one place, from which permits could be issued, the cost of warehousing would be comparatively cheaper than what we are now paying, and the licence fee for the warehouse would in all probability be waived by the Government. If the scheme of the Government goes through, we will be able to materially reduce our expenses, as we are now paying every month hundreds of dollars for warehousing our dutiable goods. Our branches and

agencies are doing their utmost to popularise the brands for which we hold sole agencies, and their sales are very satisfactory. I think, gentlemen, I have given you all the information in my power to give, and shall be pleased to answer any questions that may be put to me to the best of my ability.

Mr. Blake thought that, seeing they had such a magnificent year's work, they should give the staff some slight remuneration. He would move that they be given a bonus of at least half a month's salary.

The chairman said that the matter would be put before the directors, and if practicable they would do it. He then moved the adoption of the report.

Mr. Blake seconded and the motion was carried.

This completed the business of the meeting, which then closed.

## THE CORONATION.

## DEPARTURE OF THE VOLUNTEERS.

The detachment of the Hongkong Volunteers, under Lt. Col. Chapman, who are to represent the civilian force of the Colony at the Coronation of King George IV., left Saturday morning by the P. & O. s.s. Assaye.

The small force met at Blake Pier about eleven o'clock; a large number of their relatives and friends coming to say good-bye.

The pier was crowded, and a hearty send-off was given the gallant citizen soldiers who will march through the streets of London on June 22, in honour of their King.

Blake Pier was alive with flowers, for not only did the departure of the Volunteers attract a large crowd, but at least a hundred tourists also left the Colony, on the Assaye or the Mongolia.

Captain Agge, A.D.C., represented the Government on this occasion, and a number of leading residents were also present.

Some disappointment was expressed that the Corps did not parade to give their representatives an official send-off, but doubtless the exigencies of business made this impossible.

The following are the Volunteers who left by the Assaye to-day:—

Lt. Col. Chapman, O.C., Capt. G. P. Jammet, Armstrong, and M.S. Northcote; and Sergeant Day.

The little force will probably be joined in London by Captain Wood, who has just left for home via Siberia, and Lieut. Russell, Sergt. Melvor, Sergt. Wright and perhaps by Company Sergt. Maj. and Cpl. Frith.

Sergt. Hayward, owing to private reasons, was unable to accompany the contingent to London.

## SUNDAY SERVICES.

Peak Church.—Holy Communion, at 8 a.m.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong.—30th April; 2nd Sunday after Easter. Holy Communion, 8.15 a.m. Matins, 11 a.m.; Responses, Psalms; Venite, Hallel; Psalms of the 30th morning; To Deum, Laves, Cooke and Hopkins; Benedicite, Barnby. Holy Communion, 11.45 a.m.; Hymns, 140, 259 and 197; Kyrie, Hallel in G; Evensong, 5.45 p.m.; Responses, Psalms, of the 30th evening; Magnificat, Nune Dimittis, Maundy in G; Anthem, "Sing praises." Gounod; Hymns, 13, and 426; Sevenfold Amen; Preacher, Rev. C. E. Thompson, B.A.; Voluntary, Fantasia and Fugue—Bach.

Union Church, Kennedy Road.—Minister, Rev. C. H. Hickling. Public Worship, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Communion at 12 noon, 4 p.m. Distribution of Hymns in Sunday School.

St. Andrew's Church, Nathan Road, Kowloon.—2nd Sunday after Easter 30th April. Morning Service at 11 a.m. Holy Communion at noon; Sunday School at 2.30 p.m., in British School. Evening Service at 8 p.m.

German Chapel, 11 a.m., German Service, Pastor J. Muller.

The will of the late Joseph Henry Houdsworth, racehorse owner, has been proved, the personalty being sworn at £327,607. The deceased bequeathed £20,000 to charities, mostly in Scotland, and £5,000 to James Ryan, a Newmarket trainer.



## THE WRECK OF THE ASIA.

## STORIES OF THE PASSENGERS.

The story of the wreck of the Pacific Mail Steamship Co.'s str. Asia, on the Finger Rock, near to the Taichow Islands, some 200 miles from Shanghai, is as sensational as anything that has occurred this side of Suez for many a long day. The incidents following upon the vessel's contact with the rocks, the fight with piratical Chinese, the bravery of the passengers, and the hasty flight in boats to a secluded spot amongst the mountains of the sea, recall vividly the best stories of writers of adventures on the deep.

Mr. H. Cooper, who with his sister was journeying from Hongkong, tells the story in a manner that requires no elaboration. He stated that the voyage was of the usual nature until 5.27 a.m. on Sunday morning last, when the vessel ran on to Finger Rock. The officer of the watch had called the skipper about five or six minutes before she actually went ashore, but on going on to his bridge the skipper perceived that she was too late. He, however, did everything that could be done and seeing that an accident was inevitable he had the engines reversed. Just before the vessel struck the skipper had the engines turned on to full speed ahead, to keep her from slipping off the rocks and to prevent her falling back into the deep water where she might easily have sunk. There were seven and a half fathoms of water lying under the stern and if the Asia had slipped off the rocks she would in all likelihood have gone down in ten minutes or less.

## LANDING AND THE SHAOHSING.

It was daylight, but a heavy fog hung over the sea when the crash came, and the passengers were all asleep below. The terrific impact, however, awakened them all simultaneously. There were no loud shrieks, no wild rushes and no panic of any description. A number of people ran about the corridors looking a trifle anxious, but five minutes after the affair had happened everybody was calm and collected. Not a cry disturbed the work of rescue, which was being speedily pushed forward. Most of the ladies even made so bold as to dress and pack up their belongings. The crew worked with great energy albeit coolly and with discipline, and very quickly all the port-side boats were lowered, but the east of the ship made it very difficult indeed to lower the starboard boats. After a stiff struggle, however, all these boats were lowered but one.

Whilst this was taking place a miniature fleet of Chinese junks emerged from out of the fog, but they were kept at bay by the ship's officers who at times fired off their revolvers to frighten them. Without a hitch the women and children were lowered into the lifeboats and after these had put off, the male passengers and the Chinese climbed down to the boats. The boats proceeded more or less in company round the corner of the rock to look for a landing place. Eventually, after proceeding for half a mile, a patch of shingle, protected by the cavernous rocks, was located and the whole of the ship's party landed. The boats that were not required for passengers followed shortly afterwards laden with provisions, sails and a supply of water. The scene in the hollow was a memorable one, for some of the passengers were only partially dressed and a few of them were still wearing their night attire. The male passengers quickly got to work and built up a tent in which the ladies dressed, and another temporary structure was erected for the accommodation of the provisions and the doling out of rations to the children.

Some time afterwards—it was perhaps two hours—the C.N.S. Shaohsing hove in sight and came to the rescue. Immediately the passengers were taken on board, and the kindly hospitality of the officers and crew of this vessel gained golden opinions from the shipwrecked passengers. The Captain and officers turned out of their cabins and accommodated the ladies. It is a striking commentary upon the success of the arrangements that all the ladies and the children were accommodated.

The commissariat department of the Shaohsing was wonderfully well stocked in view of the fact that she was returning from a round voyage. No fewer than sixty-seven foreign passengers of the Asia, the crew, and sixty-five Chinese passengers were catered for, the supply of meals being continued throughout the voyage to Shanghai.

## PIRATES ON BOARD.

After all the passengers had been got safely on board the Shaohsing and the mails were transferred from the doomed vessel, meanwhile the piratical Chinese were hovering ominously around the Asia. The captain, chief officer and the chief engineer of the Asia remained on board their vessel throughout the night to prevent her being looted. The boats were undermanned and the third officer and an engineer, either owing to the strong wind which had arisen, or to their exhausted condition, were carried out to sea. The black night hung heavily over the water, but the captain of the Shaohsing lay by until it had cleared, and took the officers off the Asia. Hardly had the latter left their vessel ere the Chinese surrounded it and in a twinkling they were busy looting it. The captain of the Shaohsing then cruised about looking for the boats containing the missing seamen. One of the men was found in a Chinese junk, but he owed his safety to the fact that, with his revolver, he persuaded the pirates to refrain from looting and to hang about in the wake of the ship. His colleague was not fortunate enough to possess a revolver and the occupants of the Chinese junk which he joined, took him, it is surmised, along with them on their thieving expedition. The missing man could not be found and, while the vessel was cruising round, the America Maru arrived. It appears that she had picked up the wireless message of the Asia which was directed to the Island of Formosa. The America Maru also lowered a boat and took up the search for the missing seaman and the Captain intimated that he would stand by for a few hours. Still another vessel dove and thereupon the Captain of the Shaohsing represented to the other Captains that he was running short of water, and as he had a large complement of passengers he could remain no longer.

The Shaohsing then proceeded to Shanghai where she safely landed her passengers at 9 p.m. yesterday morning.

## INCIDENTS OF THE RESCUE.

The breakdown of the Asia's wireless communications was considered to be due to the generator giving out probably when the ship darted forward and filled with water. It was presumed that the missing man had been found, from the fact that the American gunboat, Helena, which had preceded the tug boat by an hour, returned to Shanghai yesterday morning. The warmest praise is due to the officers and crew of the Asia and the Shaohsing, who worked heroically throughout. The passengers of the Asia subscribed several hundred dollars on the journey to Shanghai and the officers and crew of the Shaohsing have been invited to a dinner to be held at the Astor House this evening, when the money and a suitable present will be given to the Captain.

Captain Koford, who was returning to Shanghai by the ill-fated steamer, warmly eulogized the heroism of the ladies, and he observed that he had never previously witnessed such commendable behaviour in the face of a grave danger.

It is to Miss Cooper that the greatest praise is due and according to Mr. E. W. Davies she was the last lady to leave the vessel. Her coolness won great admiration and not only did she proceed to pack her own things, but she afterwards assisted other ladies to get their belongings together.

The Chinese in the junks somewhat hampered the work of rescue, for each time a boat put off for the shore they conducted a fresh assault upon the ship. Several shots were fired at them, and a bullet unfortunately lodged in a Chinese woman's back. She was brought to Shanghai and her condition is not regarded as serious. In storming one of the attacks by the Chinese in the junks, one of the officers sustained a somewhat serious wound on the forehead,

but he continued with his colleagues in saving the passengers and preventing the looting of the vessel. It was unfortunate that at the time the disaster occurred the docks were being washed down and it was with difficulty that the passengers and the crew could maintain their equilibrium on the surface of soft soap.

The vessel after striking the rocks rested for a day on a ledge of rock with ten to fifteen fathoms of water under the stern in a very dangerous position, being about half submerged. It is feared that she will break in half, and although part of the valuable cargo may be saved, salvage is considered impossible. The loss sustained in respect of the ship and her cargo is estimated at about £300,000.

## WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

The efficacy of wireless telegraphy and the advantage that the wrecked vessel would have enjoyed is reflected in the opinion of Capt. Bayes-Davey, of the firm of Paulson and Bayes-Davey, Lloyd's agents, who was also one of the passengers. The wireless on board was operated until about nine o'clock when it failed. The Sumatra could, however, only have been a little way off and had she been equipped she could have rendered assistance. The America Maru was about a hundred miles off and could not have reached the distressed ship until three p.m.

The officers and the crew of the Asia realized the position immediately. The greatest danger was manifested in the first hour when it was impossible for anyone to say whether the vessel would remain on the rocks or not. The pluck of the Captain, the Chief Engineer and the first mate was loudly applauded. After all the passengers had been safely landed they stood by their ship and kept the marauding Chinese at bay. They had a most trying time especially when it is considered that they had had a busy day after leaving Hongkong. The fullest meed of praise is also due to the officers and crews of the Shaohsing and also to the wrecked passengers.

## TRIBUTE TO THE CAPTAIN.

The following testimonial from the passengers was presented to the Captain of the Asia:—

On board the steamship Shaohsing, April 24, 1911.

To Captain Harry Gaukroger and the officers and members of the crew of the steamship Asia.

Sir and gentlemen,—We, who were passengers on the steamship Asia when the vessel met her fate on Finger Rock in the China Sea on the morning of April 23, take this opportunity of expressing to you our appreciation of your unquestioned courage, your remarkable self-control and the highly satisfactory handling of a situation that puts to the severest tests every quality of manhood.

We desire to thank you each and to point out to the world our appreciation of the coolness, courtesy and great ability with which we were cared for upon the wreck and taken from the Asia in the hour of great danger to the beach and there protected and provided for in every manner possible and with a thoroughness that commends you to the esteem of all persons.

We also wish to thank you for the care with which our possessions were cared for and transferred from the Asia to the rescue ship, the steamship Shaohsing of the China Navigation Company. The circumstances were such as to offer us little hope in any direction and the safety and comfort we have enjoyed is due to the heroism of the officers and crew of the Asia.

Gentlemen, we wish you all the good fortune that men of such sterling qualities should reap as their reward and pledge our undying gratitude to you for your efforts.

The foregoing was signed by all of the passengers.—N. C. D. News.

The story of the wreck is most graphically told by Mr. Timothy E. Healy, City Editor of the "San Francisco Evening Post," who was a passenger on board the Asia. We will put the narrative as nearly as possible into Mr. Healy's own words.

## THE "ASIA'S" LAST DEPARTURE.

The Asia left Hongkong 1 p.m. on Friday, April 21, on what has thus proved to be her last voyage. The weather was fine and all went well during the remainder of

Friday, Friday night and Saturday night, the good ship steaming easily and swiftly up the coast and the passengers enjoying the run very greatly.

Captain Gaukroger retired to his room at 11 o'clock on Saturday night, leaving orders with the officer on the bridge that he should be called if the weather thickened or if anything unusual occurred. He also directed that under no circumstances was he to be allowed to remain undisturbed after daybreak, at which time he was to be called and informed with regard to the state of the weather. At daybreak on Sunday, the Third Officer, J. L. Johnson, who had relieved the bridge at 4 a.m., went to the Captain's room, woke Captain Gaukroger and informed him that the weather had cleared and that nothing was in sight. Soon afterwards a thin fog began to settle down, but it lifted again very shortly, only, however, to come on again quickly and thickly at about 5.20. The Captain then went on the bridge, and as the ship was running along at full speed, 15 knots, he slowed her down to half-speed. The really thick fog lasted only four or five minutes, and when it lifted again Captain Gaukroger saw to his horror that the ship was heading straight on for the Finger Rock.

## THE WRECK.

So close was the bow of the Asia to the formidable cliff which was looming straight up out of the water right ahead, that Captain Gaukroger at once perceived there was no hope of avoiding the peril. He did reverse his engines for a moment, but the helm over slightly in order to head her for a part of the rocks which seemed to offer a better chance of holding the vessel tightly,—once she was jammed in among them,—and then turning the telegraph to "Full speed ahead" for the last time, drove the Asia onward to her doom.

She struck at 5.30, or it may have been a minute or two earlier. So terrific was the force of the impact that a huge hole was rammed in the very face of the cliff which consists of some soft, friable rock, rising sheer out of the water to a great height and with a number of smaller rocks scattered around about the base, among which the "Asia" finally came to a dead stop, with shattered bows and stem, and a great jagged spur—penetrating the starboard side amidships and holding the stricken steamer fast among the boulders as in a cradle.

## THE LANDING.

No warning was necessary to summon the crew and passengers on deck. Everybody sought the open air at once, but, although there was naturally considerable excitement, nothing whatever in the nature of a panic took place. As will be seen from the lists, a large proportion of the foreign passengers consisted of women and children, and there were also about 70 Asiatic passengers, 57 of whom were Chinese. But everybody behaved most admirably. The Captain, the officer of the watch and a couple of quarter-masters were on the bridge—and remained there doing their duty like good seamen to the very last. The officer and crew went quickly to their stations and told the passengers off to their respective boats. Mr. Aitken, the Chief Engineer, saw to it that all the passengers had life-belts and that the belts were properly adjusted, and every boat on the ship was promptly lowered. There was no delay. The ship soon began to settle and list to the port side, so the boats were all got to that side and then the passengers were put over the rail from the main deck and sent down the ship's ladders to the boats. The sea was calm, the wind light and steady, and no difficulty whatever was experienced in getting the people into the boats, and before they left the ship it is only due to them to put the fact plainly on record that no one misbehaved, no one wept, no one misunderstood, or hesitated to obey orders—no one, neither man, woman nor child, Caucasian or Asiatic.

The first boat to leave the ship's side got away at 5.40, the seamen of the Asia rowing this and all the other boats that were to follow. The boats were pulled to a little cove around the island, where a smooth beach offered a convenient landing place, and here the shipwrecked people stepped ashore.

Plenty of provisions of all sorts, canvas for tents, wraps and rugs were brought in abundance from the ship, and the crew, aided by the male passengers, and by a number of the women as well, set about preparations for making everybody as comfortable as possible, but fortunately the camping out was not to be prolonged, for as events shaped themselves, help was forthcoming before many hours had elapsed.

## ARRIVAL OF THE S.S. "SHAOHSING."

The same disastrous current which had set the Asia off her course in the fog brought the s.s. Shaohsing, Captain Wavell, into the immediate neighbourhood of Finger Rock. She came in sight about 10 a.m., and as soon as Captain Wavell saw the masts of the Asia he knew that something must be amiss and so stood right in to ascertain in what manner he could be of assistance. He lowered his boats, but they were not required, for the Asia's passengers set off in their own boats and pulled out to the British steamer where they were most hospitably and sympathetically received. They brought along with them all the mails and luggage and ship's papers, which had all been taken, as we should have mentioned before, off the "Asia" in the first boats that left her.

## OTHER HELP.

The "Shaohsing" was not the only vessel that came to the stranded vessel's aid. As soon as the "Asia" struck, the wireless operator (O. F. Hubbard) hastened to his station and sent out a series of urgent calls for help. An answer was promptly received from the T. K. K. s.s. "America Maru" which said she would arrive about three o'clock, but at this stage the "Asia's" apparatus went out of order and no further communication was to be had either with other steamers or with shore stations. The "America Maru" duly arrived, took many of the "Asia's" people on board temporarily, and stood by as long as she was wanted. On Monday afternoon the Indo-China Co.'s S.S. "Vosang" came into the little cove, and as soon as she arrived the "Shaohsing," which was running short of water, informed her of what had happened, and then set out for Shanghai.

## PIRATIC FISHERMEN.

But while all this had been going on Captain Gaukroger and the officers and men who had remained with him on board the Asia had been having a very lively time indeed with the piratic fishermen dwelling in the neighbourhood. These marauding gentry, to the number, Mr. Healy estimates, of about 1,000 at least, descended like a flight of ravenous birds upon the wrecked ship. She had no sooner struck than they swarmed around her in scores of sampans, attempted to rush her, and were only persuaded to keep sufficiently far off to allow the transfer of the Asia's passengers to the life-boats by a free display of force, in the course of which revolvers and shot-guns were fired into the air by the ship's officers. After the boats left the ship there remained on board Captain Gaukroger; the First Officer, Mr. J. Hill; the Chief Engineer, Mr. Aitken, two or three other engineers and Mr. M. H. Hunt, the Purser. These men immediately found themselves engaged in a regular battle with the fisher people, who swarmed around again as soon as the boats had left, and at last, despite repeated fusillades,—which, they were quick to see, were being fired chiefly into the air—fairly rushed the stranded ship and came on board. Captain Gaukroger and his little following, reduced in the course of Sunday to the First Officer and Chief Engineer, stood them off as best they could all night and made free use of their revolvers, with which they fired no fewer than 500 rounds.

## CAPTURED BY MARAUDERS.

The last boat that left prior to the final abandonment of the steamer had some very trying adventures. In it were Mr. A. J. Cozens, First Assistant Engineer; a man named Arthur Arundel, boiler tender, three Chinese and one Japanese sailors. It carried the Asia's mail sacks. The sea was getting rough and night was settling down when she started for the shore and it was not long before she found herself in difficulties. The sea continued to rise; the men lost their way, be-

came discouraged, and to complete their troubles they were discovered, pursued and attacked by the piratic fishermen. Finally their boat was swamped and they jumped into a fisherman's boat alongside. Here they met with a dreadful reception, were knocked down, kicked and stamped upon, so that Mr. Cozens, in desperation, at last pulled out his revolver and shot two of their assailants. Mr. Cozens and his companions, however, were overpowered, bound and taken ashore where they were locked up all night in a small prison. Next morning they entered into an agreement with the fishermen to pay \$300 gold, to be taken off to the America Maru. Two sampans were launched for them, Arundel to go in one and Cozens in the other, but so many fishermen sprang into them to go off to the ship and share in the reward that Arundel became alarmed and insisted on going in the same boat as Cozens. The fishermen refused to transfer him and those who had Cozens in their boat settled the matter by putting off from the land. Instead of going to the America Maru, however, they made for the Asia, which by this time was abandoned and would have gone aboard to loot her had not Mr. Cozens shot one of the men and compelled the others, at the point of his revolver, to take him to the "America Maru." Arundel was never seen again, and whether he has been killed, or is merely held for ransom by the piratical fishermen is not known.

## THE "ASIA" STRIPPED.

Captain Gaukroger, the Chief Officer and Chief Engineer did not finally leave the ship until she had settled down so deeply that they were able to step right from the saloon deck into the lifeboats which conveyed them to the "America Maru," whence they were subsequently transhipped to the Shaohsing. Captain Gaukroger was the last to leave the wrecked vessel. As soon as all the white men had left her, the pirates, heedless of the rate at which the ship was settling and listing to port, swarmed on board in hundreds and proceeded to strip the vessel so thoroughly and systematically that in a very short time everything portable, both on deck and down below, had been removed to the fishing boats and junks and conveyed ashore.

## A WOMAN SHOT.

During the transfer of the passengers to the Shaohsing one of the first-class Chinese passengers, a lady named Mrs. Ching Dong-sha, was accidentally shot by one of the Asia's officers who fired in the direction of the marauders to stand them off, but whose bullet unfortunately ricocheted and struck the poor woman, who was carrying an eleven months' old child at the time, in the breast. She was promptly attended to, and taken to hospital in an ambulance as soon as the Shaohsing reached Shanghai, and we are glad to say she is now doing well.

## YACHTING.

## KESWICK CUPS.

On Saturday afternoon twenty-five boats of the C.Y.C. and R. H.K.Y.C. competed for the cup given by the Hon. Mr. Keswick and the second and third prizes presented by Mr. Buno.

The race started from opposite the Corinthian Yacht Club, went the usual yachting course and finished up at the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club.

The results were as follows:—

1. Colleen, Hon. Mr. Pollock, won on time.

2. Katherine (R.F.).

3. Dione, Mr. Fletcher. This boat finished first but got third place owing to handicap.

Iris, Com. Eyres, ran ashore off North Point.

SUNDAY'S RACE.

Twelve boats started yesterday for the Cruisers Race and the course commenced opposite the C.Y.C., round Lamma Island, Starboard, Koehow Island, Starboard, finishing off Police Pier, Kowloon.

The results were as follows:—

4. Aileen, Mr. A. Snowman, 3 hours, 20 m. 20 secs.

2. Delvin, Hon. Mr. Henry Keswick, 3 hrs. 30 m. 51 secs.

3. Maradin, Mr. Bratton, 3 hrs. 47 m. 45 secs.

The plague, having entirely disappeared from Manchuria, the Japanese Plague Committee in Mukden has withdrawn to Port Arthur.

## CUTTING STEEL LIKE CHEESE.

## STRIKING DEMONSTRATION.

To cut through a piece of steel fifteen inches wide and about two thick, in under three minutes, seemed impossible until our representative saw it done on Saturday afternoon. The scene of this demonstration was Mr. F. Porman's workshop, 74 Praya East, where the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong met to view the new Oxy-Acetylene Welding Process.

From 2.30 p.m. until 6 p.m. demonstrations were continually held. With a mixture of Oxygen and Acetylene a flame has been produced, which will melt steel in a very confined area, so that it is possible to reduce the metal to a fluid state where, played upon by the flame, while a few inches away, the iron shows comparatively little change in temperature.

The flame is produced by the ignition of a mixture of the above named gases at the small nozzle of a jet similar to one used in an oxy-hydrogen blow flame. The nozzle of the jet is then placed in close proximity to the iron and by drawing it along on two supporting wheels the thick piece of steel is cut in two, to the accompaniment of spluttering and a grand display of sparks. Besides cutting in a straight line the flame was utilized to bore a hole through the same thick piece of steel, and for making bevelled edges preparatory to welding.

This process was also carried out by the oxy-acetylene flame and proved a great success.

Two pieces of metal were united in a very even join, almost imperceptible save for a different coloration at a juncture. The welded piece was subjected to some very rough treatment, and it was only after repeated blows, with a heavy piece of steel, that the joint broke. It was then seen that the juncture had been completely effected though the section of the joint showed a rather crystalline brightness indicative of the fact that the nature of the metal had undergone a change in the intense heat.

However many comments of approval were expressed and the whole of the experiments were followed with great interest.

## SAD TRAGEDY IN HANKOW.

The residents of Hankow were deeply shocked to hear, on the 21st April, of the tragic death of Mr. Ernst Buchholz, a young German of 24 years of age in the employ of Carlowitz & Co. The deceased had been dining with some friends and returned home in apparently good spirits. However, in the early hours of the morning a shot was heard in his bedroom and his mess-mates rushing in found him stretched on the floor with a bullet wound through his heart and a rifle alongside his body. His death must have been almost instantaneous.

The funeral took place in the evening and was attended by a large number of friends of the deceased.

## LAWN TENNIS.

Several contests in the Civil Service Club's tennis tournament were brought off on Saturday, and the results to date are as follows:—

Championship.

W. Pitt beat N. Railton; 6.0, 10.8.

A. G. Pile beat H. A. Cox; 6.1, 6.1.

F. A. Biden beat J. McEwen, 6.4, 6.2.

Handicap Singles, "A" Class, J. Mackay (scratch) beat H. T. Jackson (owe 15); 6.4, 6.1.

W. Pitt (owe 15) beat J. McEwen (owe 3.0); 6.4, 4.6, 6.4.

Handicap Singles, "B" Class, H. J. Ling (owe 30) beat E. Beaumont (owe 15.3); 6.3, 6.0.

Handicap Doubles, Woolley and Spittles (res. 15) beat Ellis and Phillips (owe 3.0); 7.5, 6.3.

McEwen and Pile (owe 30) beat Railton and Tillman (owe 15.3); 6.0, 6.2.



## HONGKONG LARD IN THE PHILIPPINES.

3,600 TINS SEIZED.

Asserting that lard manufactured in Hongkong is not prepared under sanitary conditions, and therefore not entitled to entry into the Philippines under the provisions of the pure food and drugs act, Castle Bros. Wolf and Sons have addressed a letter to the secretary of the interior protesting against the action of local health authorities in allowing the importation of a certain shipment of Chinese lard.

The consignment in question is one of 3,600 tins, brought in on the steamship Taming recently. The certificates of inspection covering this consignment were not prepared in accordance with the regulations laid down in the law above referred to, it is alleged. As a result the collector of customs has requested the authorities of the bureau of health to investigate the conditions under which such certificates are issued in Hongkong, and in the meantime is holding up the consignment.

Several allegations have recently been made against the manner in which by-products of pork are prepared in Hongkong, and it is probable that the complaint of Castle Bros. Wolf and Sons will result in a careful investigation of the situation for the protection of local consumers against unsanitary methods.

## CATHOLICISM IN THE ORIENT.

One of the leading Catholic missionary magazines publishes interesting figures concerning the progress of Roman Catholicism in Japan, Korea and China between 1880 and 1900.

According to these figures, Japan had 37,016 Roman Catholic natives in 1880, and 65,741 in 1900, so that the progress there was relatively slow. Korea had 15,416 Roman Catholic natives in 1880 and 68,016 in 1900. China had 542,062 Roman Catholic natives in 1880 and 1,210,054 in 1900. While the increase in China was very slow during the closing ten years of the nineteenth century, it has been between 80,000 and 100,000 annually during the last years, so that Roman Catholic missionaries in China are great.

## OVER 100 WRONGDOERS BEHEADED.

COMMANDS TO PEACEFUL CITIZENS.

(THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.)

Canton, May 1. H.E. the Canton Viceroy and Admiral Li Chun have jointly issued a notification for the information of the public to the effect that over 100 rebels taking part in the tumult have been beheaded. It is due to the apprehension of the rebels at large that the city gates have been closed, and now nearly all the rebels have been arrested. The Tai Nam gate and Kwoi Tak gate have been reopened. The public are reminded to carry street lamps when out at night, and to report to the police if the rebels are taking shelter under their roofs. Failing to comply with these regulations, they will be charged with harbouring wrongdoers, and punished. When picking up revolvers or guns in the streets, they have to return them to the nearest police stations. Those hiding these arms in their houses will be punished for storing up arms. Similar commands have been issued by the Taotai Constabulary.

## NEWS FROM THE NORTH.

UNREST IN MANCHURIA.

Peking, April 26.—Six hundred ex-soldiers and Hungtutzes (mounted bandits) have joined forces in Northern Heilungkiang, in Manchuria. They are armed with rifles and two guns. The rebels have dispersed several Chinese pickets and have captured a few Mandarins. The leaders offer to surrender on condition that the authorities employ the whole force as regulars.

## RUMOURED DESTRUCTION OF HALF OF FATSHAN.

TROOPS DISPATCHED WITH ORDERS TO BOMBARD BRIGANDS.

REPORTED ASSASSINATIONS OF SHUIHING PREFECT AND MAGISTRATE.

(THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.)

Canton, May 2.

It is reported that some anarchists of the same gang who were responsible for the outbreak in Canton, have been trying to create a rising in Weichow on the East River. H.E. the Canton Viceroy has telegraphed to Commander-in-chief Chun to take every precaution against the outbreak.

The gunboat Chun To is now patrolling the waters of Weichow. So far no communication has been received by H. E. the Viceroy from Commander Chun to confirm the outbreak. The trains resumed traffic on Sunday but later His Excellency received a report that the notorious brigand chief Luk Lau Ching has been on the war path in Shun Tack and had managed to seize a large quantity of arms and ammunition from the Lok Chung country market. Hearing the news His Excellency gave orders that only trains leaving Canton will be allowed to carry passengers, but no train will be allowed to convey passengers back to Canton. While the rising in Canton may be considered as a thing of the past, it is currently rumoured that similar trouble has occurred in Fatshan with destruction to half of the city. Some believe that if trouble of this kind should have occurred, it was the work of the brigands, not the anarchists. Nevertheless the energetic Viceroy has lost no time in dispatching troops to Fatshan by train to guard the place. Last night the Commanders of the gunboats Kiang Tai and Kiang Kung received urgent orders to proceed to Shok-wan and Lan-shok with their men, and cruise in those waters. They have been instructed to bombard the brigands, should they meet them on the way. They have since been reinforced by the guard boats carrying the braves of the Tung-koon district regiment and the Sunwei regiment and were towed by the gun-boat Kuek-lo to the scene. From a reliable source the followers of the brigand chief Luk have seized a quantity of arms and ammunition of the braves whom they had defeated in the places in which they have been playing havoc. So far no news of any severe encounter has taken place between them. Another sensational rumour was circulated in Canton this morning that trouble had occurred in Shuihing prefecture and in Sam-sui district. The Shuihing prefect was reported to have been assassinated and the Sam-sui magistrate was reported to have met with the same fate. So far, however, no official news of any kind has been received.

## REMOVAL OF THE DEAD.

(THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.)

Canton, May 1.

The committee of the ten charitable institutions and the members of the Fong Pien Hospital are busily engaged in going round the streets with the undertakers to remove the dead bodies for burial.

## REBELS COMMIT SUICIDE.

DISCOVERY OF 200 BOMBS IN FORM OF MILK CANS.

(THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.)

Canton, May 1.

A number of the rebels have committed suicide by drinking poisonous liquids carried on their persons, through the refusal of shelter. The Canton authorities have discovered no fewer than 200 bombs in the form of small milk cans. The revolvers captured from these rebels are made of the latest pattern and the choppers used are of the best kind. When arrested, bundles of bank notes were found in the possession of these rebels besides the poisonous liquid in bottles.

## COMMERCIAL.

THE MANILA MARKET.

Messrs. Warner, Barnes & Co., Ltd., report, from Manila, that, on April 15th, the coal market was quiet at last quotations.

The local flour market remained quiet, arrivals since March 15th amounting to 72,800 sacks.

Memorandum since January 1st amounted to 412,586 bales. The market ruled very quiet, neither dealers nor shippers showing much desire to do business. Medium and higher grades remain unchanged, but lower grades owing to scarcity are firm.

Sugar owing to the holidays, has been quiet. Copra has ruled steady, business being disarranged by the holidays. Rice has ruled weak with a downward tendency for Saigon and Rangoon grains. Importers are anxious to sell on account of large stocks in hand.

## SHANGHAI SQUARES.

The following were the quotations on the Shanghai Stock Exchange on April 28:—

Dominion Rubber, Tls. 27, cash. Anglo-Java Estates, Ltd., Tls. 6, cash. Cheng Rubber Tls. 3.12, cash. Samagaya Rubber Co., Ltd., 0.50 Tael, cash. Philippine Exploration Co., 0.60 Tael, cash.

## ENGINEERS' INSTITUTION.

AUTOGENOUS WELDING.

Tuesday evening Mr. F. Pernaut, whose demonstrations of welding with oxy-acetylene flame, were described in our issue of yesterday's date, read a paper before the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong on the subject of "Autogenous Welding," as his process is called.

In the course of his paper Mr. Pernaut remarked that the temperature of the oxy-acetylene flame was about 7,000 degrees Fahrenheit. After explaining by chemical formulae the combustion of the mixed gases, the speaker went on to point out that the welding was brought about without altering the chemical composition of the metal worked upon. The applications of this system of welding appeared to be without end, for besides repairing boilers, tools, etc., pipe connections could be finished without joints and all kinds of receptacles could be made absolutely tight. They were also able to cut steel plates, seven-eighths to one and a half inches thick, at the rate of thirty feet per hour, by means of an oxygen jet under pressure.

Between March 1st, 1906, and December 31st, 1910, nearly 5,000 cracks in 320 vessel furnaces had been repaired in Marseilles. The speaker concluded his discourse with a long series of technical explanations, which were followed with great interest.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. R. M. Dyor.

A lengthy discussion followed and a number of questions were asked and replied to by Mr. Pernaut. Mr. Jack remarked that the lecturer would always be ready and willing to meet the members and discuss the subject further at any time or if a list of questions were addressed to him he would prepare answers and they could discuss it again. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer on the motion of the President.

## SCHEME FOR ORGANISING BRAVES.

(THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.)

Canton, May 1.

Yesterday at the hall of the Self-Government Investigation Society, a scheme for organizing a corps of braves for the maintenance of local peace and for the protection of local trade came up for discussion in consequence of the outbreak. Both the merchants and gentry present were strongly in favour of the scheme. It is reported that a certain gentleman has approached Admiral Li Chun for the supply of arms and ammunition from the provincial arsenal to the needs of the new movement. The Admiral has complied with the request.

## CHINA COAST SALARIES.

The discontent with conditions of pay and service in the vessels of the China Coast that has been simmering for some time has found expression in a petition that has been drawn up asking for some improvement in order to bring conditions on the coast more into line with those obtaining at home and in Australia. So far the engineers appear to have held aloof, but if a movement of such a kind is to meet with success it is obviously essential that both branches should sink their trifling differences and unite in a common movement that will be for the good of all. There can be little doubt that, notwithstanding the shortage of officers and the almost equal surplus of engineers, any improvement that is granted the one side will correspondingly affect the other, while a petition that is sent forward by the officers alone is far less likely to achieve its object as is one that is backed by the opinions of the whole of the employees on the China Coast. That an increase of pay is as necessary to the engineer as to the officer is obvious, since both have the same expenses to meet and it costs the married engineer exactly the same sum to maintain a home at Shanghai or Hongkong as it does the captain or officer.

Exactly what the officers are preparing to demand is in some doubt since some apparently favour the granting of half pay when on leave, while others are of opinion that a direct increase in the present scale of wages is desirable. Others again contend that the salaries should be on a graduated scale, ascending by a small increase with each year of service as second or chief officer. It has been pointed out that the slowness of promotion under present conditions makes this essential, since a second officer, receiving £13 per month, has often to wait for five or possibly more years before he receives his promotion to chief officer when his salary increases at a bound to £18. It is contended that during these five years a second officer's salary should increase by yearly increments until it approximates to that he will receive when his promotion comes, since, during the five years he is serving on the coast, his services are undoubtedly increasing in value to his employer. However that may be there is certainly room for improvement in the conditions of pay and service that obtain on the coast if officers are to be induced to join the China Coast marine and those in junior positions, who have no great length of service to sacrifice, retained in their employment. Conditions at home have been steadily improving and with the shortage that exists, a shortage that is daily becoming more pronounced with the increased output of new vessels, the salaries of junior officers have been largely increased while those of the seniors have undergone some change for the better. In the Australian coast trade, the award of the Federal Arbitration Court has served to raise the salaries of officers to a point that very nearly approximates to those obtaining locally, while the expense of living is much less and the conditions of leave on full or half pay serve to turn the balance distinctly in favour of colonial employment. In these circumstances it is not to be wondered at that large numbers of men have within recent months thrown up their berths in coast steamers, sacrificing in some cases two or three years' seniority, to return to ports which they left under the impression that the conditions were better here.

This being so, it remains for those manning the steamers of the China coast to come to some agreement as to what they would consider a satisfactory increase without attempting to ask more than they know can legitimately be granted them and, perfect unanimity having been arrived at, to present their requests to their employers in as courteous a manner as the justice of their cause demands. The hints that have been thrown out of each individual presenting his resignation with the petition cannot be characterised as anything but puerile, since it remains to be seen whether their employers are not prepared to meet them with concessions that will prove satisfactory. Salaries and conditions of leave are large

ly a matter of supply and demand, and now that the supply of officers is growing visibly less, those in whose hands is the final arbitrament of such matters may be trusted to see that until conditions of employment on the China coast are raised to a level as far above those obtaining elsewhere as they formerly occupied, those who before were willing to submit to the voluntary exile of local employment will no longer be available. The glamour that formerly overhung the China coast marine is rapidly disappearing in the eyes of those at home as the conditions approximate more closely to those obtaining elsewhere, owing to the demands of trade and rapid transit, and as the knowledge of the newer conditions spreads it may be anticipated that fewer men will offer themselves for employment on a coast that holds out no inducements above those of other trades and that possibly offers less.

In these circumstances a petition pointing out the altered conditions and setting forth their requests may be considered all that is necessary at the present moment, but it is absolutely essential that this opinion should have the unanimous approval of all concerned. It is futile for one group of officers and engineers to request that a passage home be granted them after a given number of years while another demands half pay during leave and yet another asks for a direct increase in the salaries at present paid. Difficult as it may be of attainment, it is not impossible that those interested should form a definite aim as to what would be most satisfactory to themselves and act together in bringing their wishes before their employers. Tolerant discussion will go a long way toward attaining the fulfilment of their desires and we shall be glad to afford such an opportunity in the columns of this paper. The time has arrived when the officers and engineers of the China coast can legitimately claim further consideration at the hands of their employers and there is no reason why, if properly represented, their wishes should not meet with that consideration that is their due.—"The Leading Light."

## A SCOTCHMAN, FROM SHANGHAI.

A San Francisco paper says:—A. W. Stewart, a member of the Shanghai police force, who arrived on March 3rd, on the liner Asia, was told by his fellow passengers that the United States government exacted an import-tax on mustaches. Stewart, who is on his way home to Scotland on furlough, was the proud possessor of as acute a little mustache as ever adorned the upper lip of a British bobby, but he declined to allow his pride to interfere with the exercise of the thrift that he regarded as his birthright. When he answered to his name in the Asia's saloon the next morning there was only a tiny patch of untanned skin to show where the mustache had been. "Hello, Stewart, I didn't know you," a fellow passenger said. "What's happened to your mustache?" "Ye ken right weel what's come of it," the Scot replied. "It's no the money I mind. It's pur-r-ly a matter of principle wi' me. And, loosh gosh, man, I'll ha' another just as guid in twa'r three weeks. This is a ver-ry peculiar circumstance." As Stewart stands six feet in his stockings and weighs about 200 pounds, not one of the practical jokers dared tell him the truth.

## The People Hungry.

The closing of the gates of Canton and the almost total cessation of all business is causing much distress among the poorer classes. Things are not bettered for them by the exodus of the wealthier families, whose custom is thus removed from their shops. The price of food has gone up enormously, three cities now costing ten or fifteen some time ago. The situation is greatly aggravated by this, and unless peace is quickly restored, riots may be expected at any moment. The large majority of the people are of all sympathies with the revolutionaries.

## THE WRECK OF THE ASIA.

DISAPPEARANCE OF A BRITISH SUBJECT.

The description of the wreck of the Asia, published in our issue of yesterday, contained a brief but significant reference to the fact that one of the crew of the ill-fated vessel is reported "missing." It was assumed at the time that the man, a water-tender whose name is R. Arundel, had been taken on board one of the junks manned by piratical fisherfolk whose presence caused so much anxiety to the passengers and crew of the Asia. From information which has reached us recently, there is reason to believe that most energetic efforts are being made to discover his whereabouts, and to rescue him from his doubtless perilous situation. Up to Thursday morning the towboat sent from Shanghai to the scene of the wreck had not succeeded in finding the missing man. British gunboats from Hongkong are on the scene, but there is no information to the effect that any armed force has been landed to continue the search ashore. Pressure is being brought to bear upon the Chinese authorities of Fukien and Hangchow to find Arundel.

## THE LOOTED CARGO.

The Asia herself is a total wreck. According to information received here from Weichow, the ship has a list to port of about thirty degrees, and is submerged up to the No. 4 hatch. It seems that the fishermen, after removing all the cargo and fittings that they could lay hands on, set fire to the ship and escaped round Heechu Island with their booty. The only portion of the cargo not submerged consists of silk, valued at about £10,000, which was stowed on the No. 2 orlop deck. Only by prompt action on the part of the native authorities can any part of this silk be recovered. The salvage of the rest will be impossible, without the employment of divers, and from the description given by one of the passengers of the vessel, it seems probable that, in the event of heavy weather, the ship might slip back into deep water, and thus render the work of salvage more difficult than it is at present.

The C. N. S. Paoing, from Swatow on the 28th, reports:—

Str. Asia stripped of everything at Heechu. Chinese gunboat in attendance.—"N. C. D. News."

## THE PIRATES.

The disaster to the Asia was intensified by the subsequent attack of pirates. On almost any coast, wreckers are to be found, but fortunately the police organizations in many countries are sufficiently strong to prevent attacks on ships. The world has gone a long way since it was common to hear of ships being attacked by pirates while they were in distress; but with its vast population, it will be a long time before the Chinese Government can exercise sufficient control over remote fishing settlements as to prevent such disgraceful incidents as the pirating of the Asia.—"Shanghai Times."

## THE REVOLUTIONARIES AND THE PRESS.

SOME HOME TRUTHS BY CHINESE WRITERS.

We note with satisfaction the reasonably and patriotic comments of the vernacular press on the recent outbreak at Canton.

The writers are very far indeed from giving the revolutionaries any support whatever. On the contrary they roundly accuse them of being unpatriotic, of working for their own selfish ends and of doing untold harm to their country and bringing misery upon a people already sufficiently under the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune.

The madness of trying to take Canton with a few men badly armed and altogether undisciplined is dwelt on. It can only bring sorrow to the people who have already to pay more for food, thanks to the mistaken efforts of men who are not really patriotic.

The writers call upon the revolutionaries to desist, and if they must help their country, let them seek for other means besides war. There is much that they can do to help China, but they can only do harm by resorting to the policy of the bomb. The papers express the hope that these disturbers of the peace will be quickly brought to justice.

## POLICE COURT.

At the Magistrate's Tuesday afternoon, before Mr. J. R. Hallifax, David Froiman, licensee of "The Land we Live In" was summoned for permitting a woman to serve in the bar on the evening of the 23rd ult. Det. Sergt. T. Murphy prosecuted and Mr. Harris defended.

Defendant pleaded not guilty. Det. Sergt. Murphy said that about 9.45 p.m. on the 23rd ult. he met P.S. 283 in Queen's Road near the defendant's hotel. They went up to the first floor in a house on the other side of the road, and from the verandah they had a good view of the defendant's bar. He saw in a mirror, which was hanging behind the counter, the reflection of a woman, playing the piano, which was within the eastern door of the bar. After about 15 minutes a British sailor went up to her and appeared to speak. She left the piano and went behind the counter. The sailor then played the instrument. About 10.30 p.m. he saw the woman in question taking some coins out from the counter and put them in a drawer. At 10.45 p.m. a civilian went up to the bar and leaning across the counter appeared to speak to her. The defendant put a drink in a bottle near the civilian. After it had been poured partly into a glass, the woman placed it in front of the civilian and completed pouring the drink out. About 10.50 p.m. an American sailor approached the counter and appeared to speak to the woman. She turned round, took a bottle off a shelf, and poured out a drink into a tumbler. The sailor handed some money to her. She put it into a drawer in front of her and appeared to hand him back some change.

Mr. Harris:—You saw all this through a glass—darkly?—Oh no!

Which part did you not see in the looking glass?—The only thing I saw through the glass was the woman playing the piano.

How did you know it was a woman?—I saw it was.

Did you go into the defendant's hotel that night?—I did not.

What time was the defendant's wife playing?—I don't know.

Could you hear?—Yes a bit.

P.S. 283, who accompanied the previous witness, gave corroborative evidence.

Mr. Harris said, that with regard to the defence, he was going to submit that the clause of the ordinance of 1911, under which the charge was laid, did not apply to the defendant. The clause was in the nature of a penal statute and must be construed strictly. The position of the defendant was that he held a licence in Hongkong, for the sale of liquors. That had been granted to him under the ordinance of 1898 as amended in 1909. It was granted for the payment of certain fees and under specific conditions. It was a contract between the government and his client, whereby so long as he fulfilled conditions he should have power to carry on the business of a publican. The ordinance of 1911 had been passed in which additional conditions, which had not been set out in the original licence, had been imposed. His client under the licence had the vested right to carry on his business for a whole year under certain conditions, and there was no power in the legislature to impose other conditions unless it was provided that the ordinance was retrospective and the ordinance of 1911 was not. He submitted that under the existing licence a man had every right to employ a woman in the bar up to November 21st next, despite the ordinance of 1911. It was an important right that a man should have a woman on the place, though she may not be a barmaid, to look after the Chinese, etc. Finally, if his client were to be proceeded against, it must be under the ordinance, under which the licence had been granted, and not under one passed since.

Mr. Hallifax adjourned the case till Saturday morning, when he will give his decision.

An interesting article in the "Leading Light" on Asiatic seamen explains the cause of the displacement of the British seaman by the Chinese and Chinese sailors. The article is given, that the former cannot hope for different conditions until he proves that reliance can be placed in his sobriety and good conduct and that he is a trustworthy man.



## HONGKONG'S TREASURY.

The financial statement for the month of February issued by the Treasurer, Honourable Mr. A. M. Thomson, shows the balance of assets and liabilities on 31st January 1911 to be \$1,446,070.37 and the revenue from the 1st of February to the 28th \$514,240.35. The total is \$1,960,310.72. Subtracting an expenditure during February of \$400,482.35, a balance of \$1,559,828.37 remains. Detailing the liabilities, the Treasurer sets out deposits not available, to amount to \$227,401.35 and Crown Agents' Advances \$5,030,770.67. There are other small items, and the whole, make a total of \$5,259,906.49. The assets are: Bank balance \$123,370.57; subsidiary coins \$342,513.34; advances \$68,857.56; interest, \$46,823.30; railway construction \$6,232,005.38; Crown Agents' current account \$8,060.05—making a total of \$6,820,830.86.

## PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY'S CONCERT.

Friday night the Philharmonic Society gave a very successful concert in the St. George's Hall. There was a very large attendance, amongst whom was Lady Lugard, one of the vice-presidents of the society.

The programme opened with the orchestral selection "Lobos-trium" (by E. von Blon), which was rendered by a band of 20 instrumentalists, under the baton of Mr. Denman Fuller. The rendering was excellent and called forth enthusiastic applause.

Mrs. Schofield with Goring Thomas "Le Baiser" scored a huge success, for the excellent manner in which she handled her fine voice, and the clarity of her enunciation, was everything that could be desired.

Cesar Franck's "Sonata" for violin and piano, given by Messrs. Timmerscheidt and Dandenbergh, proved very popular and was heartily applauded.

The next item was a duet, "Nocturne" by Chaminade, which was rendered in fine style by Dr. and Mrs. Schofield. The audience waxed rapturous over what was easily the triumph of the first part, and an encore was demanded and given.

Mr. Denman Fuller is already too well known to need any great description of his rendering of Mendelssohn's "Presto and Allegro" (Piano Concerto No. 1), which was accompanied by the orchestra under the conductorship of Mr. E. J. Chapman. The performance was of a wonderfully high order, and the encore demanded was more than justified. In response to the call Mr. Denman Fuller gave a further piano-forte solo.

The second part of the programme was taken up with the rendering of Coleridge's "Ancient Mariner," set to music by J. F. Barnett. No hand parts were available for the work, and the piece throughout was orchestrated by Mr. Denman Fuller, in a style which is worthy of the highest commendation. The chorus of over thirty members showed the results of careful coaching, and the style of rendering left nothing to be desired. The balance throughout was good.

Mesdames Stainer and Goldsmith as soprano and contralto soloists respectively, gave very fine performances. The tenor and bass parts were sustained by Messrs. S. Moore and F. Austin respectively in excellent style. The whole concert was an unqualified success and the society deserves every congratulation on the fine programme prepared.

## GOLF.

The following is the result of the consolation cup competition which was played on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th ult., at Shanghai, the conditions being 18 holes against bogey—

J. W. Mackay... Rec. 9 1 down  
H. R. Honeyman... Sec.  
A. Bullock... Rec. 11  
R. Wood... Rec. 14  
J. Dewar... Sec.  
H. P. Winslow... Rec. 10  
T. W. Mitchell... 8 5  
R. S. L. L. Jun... 11

There were thirty-three entries.

## SHANGHAI RACES.

## TO-DAY'S RESULTS:

Stewards:—Mr. R. Macgregor (Chairman), Messrs. M. Hoerter, H. E. L. Hunter, John Liddell, F. B. Marshall, L. Midwood and E. O. Pearce.

We are indebted to the stewards of the Jockey Club for the following results:

## FIRST DAY.

The Shanghai Spring meeting commenced Monday. The course was a very heavy one. Results in brief are appended below:

1.—THE SUBSCRIPTION GRIFIN PLATE.—Value, Tls. 200. Second Pony, Tls. 50. Third Pony, Tls. 25. For Subscription Griffin's of this Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Entrance, Tls. 5. Three quarters of a mile. Dunbar (Johnstone) ..... 1  
Crastman (Burkill) ..... 2  
Oustiti (Cumming) ..... 3  
Time: 1.36 1.5.

2.—THE CRITERION STAKES.—Value, Tls. 400. Second Pony, Tls. 100. Third Pony, Tls. 50. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Entrance, Tls. 5. One mile. Willow Tree (Vida) ..... 1  
Hankow (Morris) ..... 2  
Just in Time (Cumming) ..... 3  
Time: 2.07 1.5.

3.—THE GRIFIN'S PLATE.—Value Tls. 500. Second Pony, Tls. 150. Third Pony, Tls. 75. For China Ponies that have never run at any Meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Entrance, Tls. 5. Three-quarters of a mile. Foreman (Burkill) ..... 1  
Cyprus Tree (Vida) ..... 2  
Glongarry (Johnstone) ..... 3  
Time: 1.32 2.5.

4.—THE CATHAY CUP.—Value, Tls. 250. Second Pony, Tls. 75. Third Pony, 50. For China Ponies. Weight for inches as per scale. Griffin's of this Meeting allowed 7 lb. Entrance, Tls. 5. One mile and a half. Persimmon Tree (Vida) ..... 1  
Per (Schmorr) ..... 2  
Coronation Rose (Burkill) ..... 3  
Time: 3.19 2.5.

## LAWN BOWLS.

## THE LOCAL CHAMPIONSHIP.

The entries for the open lawn bowls championship of the Colony were falling off in numbers compared with last season. Fifty-three in all have entered, 16 from the Kowloon Bowling Club, 16 from the Police Club, 12 from the Civil Service, and 9 from Taikoo. A meeting of the committee was held on Monday night, when the draws were made as under:

A. C. Langley v L. E. Brett  
E. Dawson v J. G. Grant (Kai-pun)  
W. Woolley v T. Glendinning  
W. Pitt v W. Withers  
D. Harvey v J. Grant  
H. Dinnen v G. Anderson  
F. Fisher v A. Blowey  
A. Hamilton v G. England  
D. McHardy v K. McLennan  
D. Gourlay v D. McCune  
W. Gerrard v R. C. Watt  
W. Diggins v C. Alexander  
A. Currie v W. Wotherspoon  
J. J. Blake v R. Hunter  
W. Taylor v A. M. Thornhill  
D. S. Cooper v D. Macdonald  
A. G. Pile v T. Grimshaw  
J. Macdonald v H. Shires  
G. L. Duncan v W. Stuart  
W. W. Cooper v P. Farrell  
R. Hall v C. Bond  
Byes: T. Scott, J. Weir, D. Gow, R. Fenton, F. Howell, G. K. Haxton, A. Ramsay, T. Petrie, A. Clark.

The first round must be completed by May 28th.

## WEDDING AT ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL.

The marriage was quietly solemnized at the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Tuesday morning, by the Right Reverend Bishop Pozzoni, of Mr. Paul Philip Soffietti, of Hongkong, and Mrs. Mabel Carmel Minor, of San Jose, California, U. S. A. Chev. L. Volpicelli, Italian Consul-General, of Hongkong, was witness of the marriage.

His Excellency has appointed Major Donald MacDonald to act as Commandant of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps during the absence on leave of Lieutenant Colonel Arthur Chapman, V.D.

## A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE.

## BLUEJACKETS LANDED AT THE SHAMEN.

Bluejackets from the two British gunboats now lying off the Shamen have been landed at the request of the British Consul General.

No attack whatever has been made on the European quarter, but it was thought as well to inspire confidence by bringing a small force ashore.

The Imperial troops are actively engaged in searching for the revolutionaries, and a good deal of promiscuous firing makes things unpleasant and not a little dangerous for the peaceful inhabitants.

There is a rumour to the effect that the Europeans in Fatsien have sent an urgent message to Canton asking for the aid of a gun-boat. It is quite probable that this is the case, but as we pointed out in our leading column some time ago the rebels are not likely to attack Europeans, knowing that such a step will bring upon them the full force of the Powers' disposal in these waters.

## ENCOUNTER WITH REBELS.

## COMMANDER WU KILLS TEN MEN.

(THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT)  
Canton, May 1.

On Saturday last some policemen were searching for the rebels at large in the vicinity of Siu Pak street and to their surprise, a volley of shots passed over their heads. They at once reported the matter to Commander Wu of the Naval troops. The Commander at once led his men in person and arrived on the scene to locate the whereabouts of the daring rebels. He failed to locate them. While on his return journey one of the careless naval recruits suddenly called out the name of their commander and by coincidence these rebels heard the name and knew at once that the commander was an important personage. They threw four bombs and followed by firing a volley of shots. Fortunately neither the commander nor his men sustained injury. Commander Wu was enraged and returned fire with determination, killing ten himself. The others were killed or arrested by his men.

## MUTINY IN NORTH CHINA.

## THREATENED ATTACK ON RUSSIANS.

The settlement of Khomokhe, on the Chinese side of the Amur, was the scene of an outbreak among Chinese soldiers on the 10th April, says a report from Blagovestchensk to the "Novaya Zhizn". A hundred soldiers mutinied against their officers because the latter had forbidden to allow anti-European agitators to enter the barracks. One of the officers was killed and several others injured by the mutinous soldiers, who proceeded to plunder and demolish the premises of the wealthy merchants of the place. With the spoil, the mutineers be took themselves to the gold alluvial deposits, where they were joined by a band of Changeluses and a part of the local Customs garrison. Thus reinforced, the whole crowd, to the number of 250, returned to Khomokhe. The frightened merchants and other residents of the place appealed to the Russian authorities for permission to transfer their families and goods across the Amur into Russian territory to seek the protection of the Russian troops. The panic in Khomokhe was aggravated by the declaration of the mutineers that they intended to burn the whole settlement and then to march along the bank of the Amur to Aigun with the object of recruiting all the garrisons and the unemployed masses. With these combined forces a move was to be made upon the Russian cities on the river. It is stated that the leader of the outbreak was a disgraced officer who had escaped from prison.

## SUPREME COURT.

Monday afternoon, in the Supreme Court, before Mr. Justice Hazeland, Leung Sui Hang, accountant, of Queen's Road West, sued Mui Chan Si, 39, East Street, to recover the sum of \$516.50, being the balance due for work done for the latter.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing appeared on behalf of the plaintiff, while Mr. Harris defended.

The case for the plaintiff was that he was engaged by the defendant to make up the accounts of her deceased husband's estate for purpose of probate. In all he had worked on the accounts for some 280 days. Defendant had given him acknowledgments for amounts nearly totalling the sum in question but they had not been paid; hence the present action. The acknowledgments had been drawn up by defendants brother and signed by herself in the presence of two witnesses. The case was adjourned, on the application of the plaintiff's solicitors, in order to bring another witness from the country.

## LOG BOOK.

We understand that Mr. Calver, chief officer of the N.Y.K. "Kana-gawa-maru," has been appointed in command of the "Tenshin-maru," running between Japan and Shanghai.

The old wreck on the eastern extremity of Bombay reef, which is half-way between Singapore and Hongkong, is reported by the captain of the steamer "Glenfal-look" to be still visible, although the masts and funnel have disappeared. This is the wreck of the Norwegian ship, "Regnar," that stranded on the reef about two years ago.

It is reported that the American Squadron at Manila under the command of Rear-Admiral Murdoch is to visit Yokohama in the beginning of May.

The new liner Paul Lecat, built for the Messageries Maritimes, will mark an entirely new epoch in travelling to the East. She will be fitted throughout in a manner never hitherto attempted in the Eastern trade, and her large size and high speed will undoubtedly secure for her owners a considerably increased share in the passenger carrying traffic.

A speed of 17 1/2 knots, it is understood, is expected from the vessel on her trials, and her gross tonnage will be 12,500, so that she will be the largest and swiftest liner in the trade. Her first-class passenger accommodation will include many features entirely new in liners travelling via Suez, but which have recently been adopted in the express Atlantic liners. These include an electric passenger elevator, and a verandah cafe on the seventh deck. On this deck are situated 67 single berth staterooms. The rest of the first class passenger accommodation will consist of two-berth staterooms, equipped in a manner which constitutes them one of the features of the vessel. Their appointment will be on a most luxurious scale, each cabin containing, in addition to the usual fittings, a handsome bureau and other equipments for obviating the constant use of the public rooms of the vessels.

The Paul Lecat was launched from the La Ciotat yards of her owners on March 19. Her length is 162 metres, and her beam 19 metres. The dining saloons, drawing rooms, etc., are beautifully decorated, and she will certainly be the finest ship coming East.

The Rev. J. Taylor Collins, rector of Dutton, Appleby, England, wrote as follows to a news paper:—"My son went to sea in January, 1910. About two months afterwards I dreamed I was in a room unfamiliar to me, and while there I saw my boy jump into the room, and then vanish. I do not pay much attention to dreams and did not recall the date of this (though I wish I had). In June, on the arrival of the ship, I received the information that my boy was dead. He had fallen from one of the masts during a gale in March."

The R.M.S. "Empress of Japan" is expected to arrive at Yokohama on Thursday, the 4th inst., at 5 a.m. By means of wireless telegraphy the commander was able to send a message to Yokohama when 1700 miles away.

## REBELS SEEK REFUGE IN SIU PAK NUNNERY.

## THREATS TO KILL NUNS.

(THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT)  
Canton, May 1.

Since His Excellency's escape from the fire, he has been staying in the Admiral's yamen, while his family have been accommodated in one of the gunboats as already reported in your columns. His Excellency now finds that the Admiral's yamen is not very suitable for the transaction of business, and has now taken up his quarters in the military training department, while his family have left the gunboat and been put up in the Provision Bureau attached to the military training department. Deputies have now been appointed to investigate into the cost of repair of His Excellency's yamen, part of which has been burnt down, while other parts have been damaged by bombs. The defeated rebels are trying to seek shelter in the houses of the peaceable citizens. Some rebels, soon after their defeat, managed to conceal themselves in a nunnery in Siu Pak street. They threatened to kill the nuns if they created alarm and ordered them to give up their gowns. Afterwards they disguised themselves as nuns. But this news soon reached the ears of the troops, who in turn disguised themselves as nuns and went to the nunnery in question to have them arrested.

## THE STATE OF THE CITY.

(THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT)  
Canton, April 29th.

This afternoon the city gates were closed again, as it has come to official ears that there are still some anarchists in hiding. Quiescent Chinese are being continually stopped by the troops, and subjected to interrogation, while a watchful eye is kept on those who wear a wig and a false queue.

The shops have not re-opened for business yet. Foodstuffs has risen considerably in price, especially rice.

Blood stains still disfigure the streets, which are in some cases filled with the bodies of the slain. The smell arising is intolerable, and the police will soon have to turn their attention towards the removal and burial of the rapidly decomposing corpses.

## EXPORT OF SUGAR FROM FORMOSA TO HONGKONG.

The Colonial Government of Hongkong being in doubt whether the importation into Hongkong of Formosan sugar was to be subject to the resolution adopted by the International Sugar Conference at Brussels, says a Taipei dispatch to the "Jiji," no attempt was made to export sugar to Hongkong from Formosa. Recently the British Ambassador in Tokyo notified the British Consul at Taipei that the export of Formosa sugar to Hongkong was not to be subject to the Brussels resolution. As a result it is expected that some activity will be seen in the export of Formosan sugar to Hongkong. The Ensuiko Sugar Company, of Formosa, which received an order for the shipment to Canada of 10,000 bags each, weighing 168 kin, through the Suzuki company, of Kobe, shipped the order from Takow Formosa, on the 15th ultimo by a foreign steamer. Owing to its low price, the supply of brown sugar is congesting the market in Formosa, the stock at Takow and Anping having accumulated to 500,000 bags, holders not being inclined to sell. The production of brown sugar in Formosa this season is expected to be reduced to 10,000,000 bags. The "Jiji" notes that the sugar companies in Formosa have agreed to direct their energies more than ever to the export of Formosan sugar to China, partly to provide against overproduction, and partly to extend the export trade of Formosa. The quantity of sugar to be shipped to China by each company is to be decided according to their respective producing power. The associated sugar companies were to hold a conference recently in Tokyo to decide the quantity of sugar to be shipped by each company.

## SERIOUS NEWS.

## THREE RIVER TOWNS TAKEN BY REVOLUTIONARIES.

## BRIGAND CHIEF ON WAR PATH.

News has been received by us from a private, but reliable, source of a serious nature.

The revolutionaries in strength have attacked and captured the three West River towns, Samshui, Wai-chow and Wai-chow, and have murdered the prefect of the first named.

They have seized stores and ammunition and have looted the shops. They are, in strength in this neighbourhood.

Immediately after capturing the towns and putting the Imperial troops to flight—it is feared that some of the latter have joined them—they cut the telegraph wires and stopped all communication with the outside world.

To add to the dangers of the situation, the brigand chief Luk of Shuntak has gone on the war path.

As soon as he heard of the Canton outbreak he gathered his forces and descended suddenly on Chungloek. Here they seized the market where a store of arms and ammunition is kept, and succeeded in getting a large number of arms.

The force then proceeded to Fatsien and pulled down the Yamen of the Assistant Magistrate after which they thoroughly looted the town. The people along the river bank are panic-stricken.

The Canton Viceroy on hearing of this brigandage at once despatched a force of troops to the scene.

The looting took place yesterday evening and the troops were sent off Monday morning.

## CANTON REVOLT.

## VICEROY'S MEMORIAL TO THE THRONE.

(THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT)  
Canton, April 30.

In his telegraphic memorial to the Throne, anent the rising in Canton, the particulars of which have already been reported in our columns, H.E. the Canton Viceroy reported that nearly all the anarchists were arrayed in foreign garb.

On their way to commit the arson in the Viceroy's yamen, these foreign-dressed incendiaries were carried in sedan chairs. The chair coolies were also members of the gang, under disguise in order to escape the attention of the police. The Viceroy said that the action of the anarchists in setting fire to the yamen, was so sudden, that it was impossible to mobilise all the troops at a moment's notice.

It was not the fault of the civil and military officials, and the Viceroy thought that he, himself, ought to have been blamed for carelessness in not discovering the plot. He also asked the Throne to inflict punishment on him. He said that the civil and military were very active, and energetic in searching for and arresting the revolutionaries.

His Excellency asked the Throne to free them from blame for this occurrence in Canton, and let them have a chance to render good service to the nation in future. He further reported that the foreign Consuls and subjects have been looked after and he had placed a special regiment of troops, together with some gunboats, patrolling Shamen for their protection. The Chinese people in the city have neither been molested nor robbed by the revolutionaries.

## CRAIGENGOWER CRICKET CLUB.

## PRESENTATION TO MR. P. CURRIE.

Mr. P. Currie was presented with a handsome silver card stand Tuesday afternoon at the Craigen-gower Cricket Club as a token of the esteem of the members on his departure for Brisbane. Mr. Currie left by the s.s. Changsha this afternoon.

He has been in Hongkong for the last three years as a schoolmaster at the Ellis Kadoorie School, and during this time was a member of the Craigen-gower Cricket Club. He is an all round good man on the cricket field, and his services will be greatly missed.

## A MONEY LOAN ASSOCIATION.

Saturday morning before Mr. Justice Hazeland, Mrs. L. Gutierrez sued a Chinese woman, named Ah Choy, to recover \$28, due under an agreement of the Money Loan Association.

The plaintiff's case was that she was invited to join the Money Loan Association. She agreed to do so and to pay for 26 months at the rate of \$3 per month. After being in the association fifteen months, she drew a lot entitling her to \$78, conditional upon her paying \$3 per month for the remaining 11 months.

To make sure of the money \$33 were deducted, so that she was entitled to \$45. Of this she had only received \$17 and was now suing to recover the balance of \$28.

The defence was that of the \$48 due \$25 were paid to the plaintiff, while the balance was used as further subscription to the society at plaintiff's request.

His Lordship entered judgment in favour of the plaintiff with costs.

## UNIVERSITY OF HONGKONG.

The following are the first members of the court of the University of Hongkong:—

## CHANCELLOR.

a His Excellency Sir Frederick John Deaulay Lugard, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.

## MEMBERS.

b Anderson, His Excellency Major-General Charles Alexander, C.B.

b Atkinson, Hon. Dr. John Mitford.

b Badeley, Hon. Mr. Francis Joseph (Hon. Capt. Frederick William Lyons, acting).

b Barnes, Hon. Mr. Warren Delabere (Hon. Mr. Cecil Clementi, acting).

b Brawn, Hon. Mr. Arthur Winbolt.

a and c Cheung Pai Sz.

a and b Chater, Hon. Sir Otchick Paul, Kt., C.M.G.

b Chatham, Hon. Mr. William, C.M.G.

g Chan Chik Yu.

g Chang Kang Yu.

g Chau Su Ki.

g Chiu Yu Ting.

a and c Clark, Dr. Francis William.

f Ede, Mr. Charles Montague.

a and c Gibson, Dr. Robert MacLean.

b Hewitt, Hon. Mr. Eddert Anagar.

a, b and c Ho Kai, Hon. Dr., C.M.G., M.B., M.R.C.S.

b Irving, Mr. Edward Alexander.

a and c Jordan, Dr. Gregory Paul.

b Koswick, Hon. Mr. Henry.

d Lau Chu Pak.

a, c and e May, His Excellency Sir Francis Henry, K.C.M.G.

a Mody, Sir Hormusjee Nowrojee, Kt.

g Ng Hon Tsz.

g Ng Li Hing.

b Osborne, Hon. Mr. Edward.

a and c Pearce, Rev. Thomas William.

b Piggott, His Honour Sir Francis Taylor, Kt.

a b and c Pollock, Hon. Mr. Henry Edward, K.C.

d Pozzoni, The Right Reverend Bishop.

b Rees Davies, Hon. Mr. William, K.C. (Hon. Mr. Chalonier Grenville Alabaster, acting).

f Robertson, Mr. Herbert William.

a and c Scott, Mr. James Henry.

h Sellina, Mr. D. K.

f Stabb, Mr. Newton John.

f Stewart, Mr. Murray.

b Thomson, Hon. Mr. Alexander Macdonald.

d Victoria, The Right Reverend Gerard Heath Lander, Bishop of Wei Yuk, Hon. Mr., C.M.G.

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b Ex-Officio.

c Court of College of Medicine.

d Selected by Governor from nominees of Grant Schools.

e Non-resident.

f Nominated by Governor in Class I.

g Nominated by Governor in Class II.

h Nominated by Governor in Class III.

The Vice-Chancellor will be nominated by the Council and appointed by the Court; the Pro-Vice-Chancellor will be nominated by the Court and the Pro-Chancellor elected by the Court.



# BANKRUPTCY COURT.

The Bankruptcy Court was held Wednesday at the Supreme Court, before His Lordship, the Chief Justice, Sir Francis Piggott.

## ORDER FOR ANNUALMENT.

An application was made on behalf of A. Ramjahn for the annualment of bankruptcy proceedings. Mr. Fletcher, Deputy Official Receiver, made the application under section 29 of the Bankruptcy Ordinance.

His Lordship—Who makes the application?

Mr. Fletcher—I do, on behalf of the debtor. The section states that "where it is proved to the satisfaction of the Court that the debts of the bankrupt have been paid in full, or fully secured."

His Lordship—You apply for annualment of the proceedings?

Mr. Fletcher—Yes, I am satisfied that the debts have been either paid in full or are fully secured. This is an old case. A petition was presented in October, 1908, the ground being that the debtor had given notice that he would suspend payments of his debts. At the first meeting of creditors a composition of 25 per cent. was suggested, but no further steps were taken with regard to this. After considerable enquiry I was satisfied that the estate was quite solvent. The story of the proceedings is one of negotiations with these various secured creditors, and after a great deal of property had changed hands in many ways, and the present position is that there is a sum of \$180,000 owing, which I am satisfied is fully secured. There are unsecured debts amounting to \$5,788, due to two creditors with whom arrangements have been made. I would ask your Lordship to grant the order.

His Lordship—So everything has been settled.

Mr. Fletcher—Yes. There is a large amount of landed property, and two large insurance life policies, amounting to about \$60,000.

The application was granted.

## A BOARDING-HOUSE KEEPER'S AFFAIRS.

Re Rose White, public examination.

The debtor stated that she was recently proprietress of the Baltimore and Zetland House Hotels. She began about five years ago in Blue Buildings, and then moved to Zetland House four years ago. She borrowed about \$2,000 at the time. That was her first debt. She opened the Baltimore about 2 1/2 years ago, and borrowed \$3,000 in order to open it. The hotel was refurnished by her. The two houses had paid at times, but owing to bad debts she had lost a lot of money.

How much did you lose a year?—I really cannot tell you.

About how much?—I cannot say.

It appears from your statement of affairs that your unsecured debts amount to nearly \$29,000?—Yes.

Part of the amount was money borrowed?—Yes. Mr. Robertson of Price and Company borrowed some money and I stood guarantor to him.

How much did he borrow?—\$6,000. He died and I was called upon to pay.

To whom did you pay the money?—I haven't paid it yet. Oh, you haven't paid it yet?—No, but I gave Robertson some money.

What proof have you of it?—Surely, you have an I. O. U. or something?—I have.

Then why didn't you give it to me?—(No answer).

Why did you want to give Robertson the money?—(No answer).

On the 2nd November, 1910, you borrowed \$3,500 from Mrs. Yiu A Kai?—Yes.

What debt did you pay with that money?—The expenses of the hotel.

You borrowed \$2,000 at about the same time from Mrs. J. C. Wong?—That was at another time.

From Captain Gillan you borrowed from \$4,000 to \$6,000?—Yes.

Do you mean to tell me that all that money has gone into your business?—Yes.

Mr. Leo d'Almada, who represented creditors, cross-examined debtor.

You started in business by borrowing?—Yes.

When did you pay off the \$2,000?—I haven't paid it yet.

Did you pay interest on that?—Yes.

Was the business paying when you commenced it?—Partly.

What was your next loan?—Debtor's reply was inaudible.

When you started the Baltimore Hotel, did you owe anything?—No.

You borrowed \$3,000 for the Zetland House?—Yes.

Who from?—Different people. You have not specified the dates. Zetland House did not pay, so you continued to borrow?—Yes.

Notwithstanding that Zetland House did not pay, you started the Baltimore?—Yes.

Did you keep any accounts?—No.

Mr. D'Almada—I think you showed me some books. I showed you a register.

What did you consider your liabilities to be when you started the Baltimore?—I should say something between \$10,000 and \$15,000.

Did the new business pay?—No.

Subsequently you borrowed money on bills of sale for furniture in the Baltimore?—Yes.

How much?—About \$2,000.

Have you given the Official Receiver all the bills and account books you have got?—Not all.

Why not?—Don't you know it is your duty to do so?—Yes.

When you entered into partnership with Dr. Pant you did not tell him about the bills of sale?—Yes, I did.

So when he says that you did not, he is mistaken?—Yes, I did tell him.

Mr. D'Almada—I will ask for an adjournment of this case.

The case was adjourned until the next sitting.

## ALLEGED FRAUDULENT PREFERENCE.

Re the Yee Sai firm, application for a Receiving Order.

Mr. Gardiner stated that he appeared for the petitioning creditor. The acts of bankruptcy were set out in the petition—transferring his goods and the partners in the firm absconding themselves from their place of business. The stock-in-trade of the firm or a great portion of it had been transferred.

His Lordship—I must have some evidence of the acts of bankruptcy.

The Official Receiver—There are two affidavits before your Lordship.

Continuing, Mr. Gardiner said there was a question of fraudulent preference.

His Lordship—Where's proof of that?

Mr. Gardiner—There's the declaration of Ho Sa Chu which was filed on the 7th of April.

The Official Receiver—With regard to the question of fraudulent preference, Messrs. Sander Wiener and Company denied that they ever received the goods. There was no evidence of that.

Mr. Gardiner—I'll file further affidavits.

## ALLEGED DISHONESTY.

Mr. Fletcher made an application for the rescission of the receiving order made with regard to Lam Cheong.

The application was opposed by Mr. Harris.

Mr. Fletcher said he made the application on two grounds under Sections 8 and 29 of the Ordinance. The debtor was a man who was prosecuted at the criminal sessions for misdemeanour with regard to his bankruptcy petition, and was acquitted. The history of the case, briefly, was that the debtor filed his petition in March, 1910, and on the 19th of that month a receiving order was made. It appeared from the public examination that quite shortly before, he went to various merchants in Hongkong and bought nearly \$20,000 worth of goods upon credit. There he sold and according to him, he used the proceeds to repay depositors. In examining the names of the depositors in the books he found that many of them had names which were not unlike the debtors and further that they all lived in the same village. They were probably relatives of the debtor. Lam Cheong put in a statement of affairs which showed—Good books debts \$3800; doubtful debts \$5152; and bad debts \$10,222. His Lordship held in the criminal proceedings, the assets available for the creditors might include the whole of these assets. In the ledger the sum of \$3000 was owing by a Kong Wick Wo firm of San Francisco. He, the speaker, sent them the usual notice calling upon them to pay the money, and received a letter from the solicitor of the China Merchants Association, saying that the account had been paid by the firm in the presence of one of their representatives. The second debtor upon the books also replied that he had paid the money owing to Lam Cheong to two of his representatives. Among the doubtful debts two letters had been returned to the official receiver from the post office "address unknown," while no reply had been received to the third. Among the debtor's assets was the sum of \$330, which he had deposited with his solicitors, and had been refunded on his, the speaker's, application, and \$77 from the sale of a like policy.

Mr. Harris, in reply, remarked that the Official Receiver had read certain letters which had not been put in and which were not evidence at all. At the time of the petition His Lordship was satisfied that there were sufficient assets.

His Lordship—I did not go into the question. I was satisfied for the purpose of the application.

Mr. Harris—He was put into the box for the purpose and you were satisfied that there were sufficient assets.

His Lordship—For the purposes of the application only.

Continuing, Mr. Harris said there was no evidence before the Court to show that there were no substantial assets. Debtors always denied that they owed money, particularly when they were in America, and knew that they could not be proceeded against. The mere fact that the Official Receiver did not consider himself justified in instituting proceedings in America did not prove to His Lordship that there were no assets which could be got if proper proceedings were taken. His Lordship must have been satisfied at the time, particularly as the point was raised by the Official Receiver, that there were substantial assets. Mr. Harris submitted with all respect that if an order was once made His Lordship had no power at all to rescind the receiving order. There was power to rescind or annul an adjudication order, and of course, if he so wished, the Official Receiver could have the debtor adjudicated bankrupt and then apply to have the order rescinded. There was no power, however, in that Court, to rescind a receiving order. There were cases at home where such orders had been rescinded under section 104, but for some reason or other, the Attorney-General, or whoever framed the Ordinance, had thought fit to leave that section but altogether. He submitted that the Court was bound by the powers given to it by the Ordinance. If the application was granted, said Mr. Harris, it would mean that the debtor would be let loose in the streets and liable to be imprisoned for all his debts. That was entirely opposed to the principle of the ordinance. The application at home was never made on behalf of the Official Receiver. It was made by the debtor and opposed by the Official Receiver. It was not right that the Court should be used in order to punish the debtor for not paying his debts. If the order were granted, it would be impossible for a Californian merchant, who became bankrupt, to be protected as he should be protected. The only two points he brought forward were that the Court had no inherent jurisdiction, and also that to make the order would be to abuse the principles of the Bankruptcy Act, which were to protect the debtor.

His Lordship deferred the question.

## HEAVY LIABILITIES.

The next person for public examination was a Mr. Tavares, who in reply to Mr. Fletcher said he started business in Macao, as a curio seller, with a capital of \$10,000.

Mr. Fletcher—You began business in Hongkong, twelve years ago, with \$150,000?—Yes.

What business did you do in Hongkong?—Different kinds of business.

But that does not explain at all?—I had a barber's shop and a compradore's shop and such like.

And you bought and sold jewellery?—Yes.

You did some exchange business and dealt in house property?—Yes.

The barber's and compradore

shop you lost money on?—Yes.

And recently your business has been chiefly confined to jewellery?—Yes.

I understand you lost \$100,000 on gambling?—It is not correct. I don't gamble.

I dare say you don't, but you have not lost \$100,000 in gambling?—No.

And you owe about \$50,000 or \$60,000?—Yes.

What are your assets?—People owe me about \$40,000.

Debtor explained that a Chinaman in Macao owed him \$19,800 but he was now poor. As soon as he became rich again he would pay him again.

In any event his promissory note is mortgaged to Messrs. Ullmann and Sonnet Freres?—Yes. Another man named Major Sauvage owes me \$10,500. He is now in Portugal.

The debtor further stated that he expected the Major would pay him on his return to Hongkong.

Will he come back?—I cannot say.

Your creditors gave you a month in which to enable you to find out some good book debts. Have you found them?—I was laid up for three weeks in bed, and I have not done anything so far.

Supposing you are given a further month, what assets do you expect to recover?—I don't know of any. I can only do my best.

What do you expect to get?—I cannot say.

You won't enquire of the Major in Lisbon to start with. Who will you enquire of?—I can write and ask him to repay the money.

Is there any money you expect to recover definitely within a month?—No. One can never say what will turn up.

I understand you used to get your jewellery from Messrs. Ullmann and Sonnet Freres on consignment?—Yes.

That is you got the goods to sell at a profit?—Yes.

And I understand you used to sell these things or pawn them and not account for them?—That is wrong. You have not got the right story. The story is that when I first started business I bought jewellery to the extent of \$100,000 cash. They got me to get goods on consignment, and I lost my money.

In answer to Mr. Fletcher, the debtor stated that in 1903 he gave his daughter a house, and in 1905 he settled the sum of \$6,000 on her. He was not in debt at the time.

In answer to Mr. D'Almada, who appeared on behalf of creditors, Tavares said he always had money. He came to Hongkong with \$150,000. He commenced an exchange business, and in about nine months he made \$13,000 profit.

Mr. D'Almada—Were you ever banished from Macao?

Debtor caused some laughter by replying in English, "No, never."

You told the Official Receiver that you never gambled. Have you ever gambled in a Chinese Club?—No, never.

Now I put it to you that you gambled in a Chinese Club, and lost, in one night, over \$50,000. That is all lies. You had better prove your statement.

Mr. D'Almada—It is not for me to prove. I am asking you.

In answer to further questions, the debtor stated he had no assets at all.

And you do not care to collect the money from those who owe it you?—It is not a question of caring; I cannot get hold of them.

The examination was closed.

## A BAD START.

Before the Registrar, Mr. C. Melbourne.

The public examination of R. H. Whitaker, proprietor of the Praya East Hotel, was next dealt with.

Mr. Harris—You are proprietor of the Praya East Hotel?—Yes.

You have been there about four years?—Three and a half.

What was your business prior to that?—Sergeant in the Army Service Corps.

How did you acquire the Praya East Hotel?—I bought it.

Who from?—Mr. Ramjahn and Mr. Owen.

What price did you pay?—Six thousand dollars.

And what did they get the hotel for?—Mr. Ramjahn previously bought it, I believe at an auction, for about \$600.

And sold it to you for \$6,000?—Yes.

How did you pay?—Three thousand down and three thousand later to Mr. Owen.

Where did you get the money from?—The three thousand, which I paid down, I borrowed.

And what about the other \$3,000?—That came out of the business, later on.

The business, at first, was fairly prosperous?—Fairly prosperous.

And to what do you attribute your failure?—To bad debts.

What kind of bad debts?—Oh, lots.

From whom, sailors?—Various people.

How did you accumulate them?—You allow people to run up accounts as they wished?—Not at all; but when a person has spent four or five dollars and runs short you cannot say No.

You have promoted boxing entertainments from time to time?—Yes.

And what money did you receive out of that?—About 2,000 altogether.

That went into the business?—Yes.

What are your total debts?—About \$10,000.

That includes three thousand in the beginning; you started with a debt of \$3,000 and have never been out of debt?—There was \$3,000 for the business and \$1,800 for license fee. I started \$4,800 in debt.

And you have the opinion that if you still carried on the business you could make it pay?—I do not know; it does not pay at present, of course in the past I have had no real chances. I have been paying back the whole time.

Did you pay interest?—Yes.

How much?—Altogether the interest cost me \$450.

A year or a month?—On the whole, no.

That concluded the public examination.

## A SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT.

Re J. C. Logan.

In this case, which was before the Court at the last sitting, the Deputy Official Receiver asked that the debtor should be allowed to continue his payments, which would be about \$100 to \$150 a month, until he had paid in full. That was proposed rather as a scheme of arrangement. He asked for an adjudication order.

After fifteen the debtor went into the box and deposed that he started business in 1904, as a contractor, with no capital, save a launch, which his father gave him. In 1908 he went bankrupt, but, on paying his debts in full, he was discharged. Later he entered into a partnership with Capt. Nicol, to run the Imperial Hotel. He had previously borrowed \$3,000 of that gentleman and when the partnership was dissolved \$2,000 was written off the debt, as a consideration. His total debts were about \$5,000, and his total assets, book debts, &c, were \$3,000.

To what do you attribute your bankruptcy or failure?—Competition on the harbour, bad times and heavy expenditure in the office.

What office had you?—I had 60 Des Vaux Road, at a rent of \$150.

And you are now living rent free by arrangement with Mr. Antonjee. You are selling goods for him?—Yes.

And you undertake to pay to the Official Receiver the profits that you make—about \$150 a month?—Yes.

The examination was closed.

## BAD BUSINESS.

The head of the firm of Wing Chung, stationers, also appeared for examination. He attributed his failure to bad business. Mr. Fletcher suggested to the debtor that the petition was brought by a friend of his to help him out of his difficulties. This, however, the debtor denied.

EXAMINATION CLOSED.

In the public examination of Hyder Brothers, one of the debtors stated that he, his brother and his mother carried on the business of a dairy. He bought a number of cattle for \$800, and about six months afterwards bought another lot for \$500. Two years ago he bought a further lot.

The Official Receiver—How was it that the firm came to be Hyder Brothers?—When we bought the cattle from Hirman Singh he made all three of us sign.

Where did you get the money from?—I have saved part from my pay. I am working at the Naval Yard—and part of it was given me by my wife. The examination was closed.

# STORY OF THE RIOTS.

[By Our Special Correspondent.] Canton, May 2nd.

From an apparently reliable source—the Chinese officials—I learn that the three towns referred to in your paper, as having been burned down, were not so destroyed. Only a part of the yamen of the Commander of the Military District at Fatsan, and the police quarters at the same place were destroyed. My information is that the revolutionists assembled at the town of Lak Chun on the 28th ult, and on the following day, under the subterfuge of public speaking, succeeded in mobilizing without attracting attention. They then proceeded to attack the local guard, who, instead of offering resistance, abandoned their arms and made off.

This temporary advantage greatly enhanced the prestige of the revolutionists, as did also their order to the merchants not to increase the price of rice. It is quite possible that this move also added considerably to their ranks. The next order was to the people who were instructed to cut off their queues.

Everything went "merry as a marriage bell" until the arrival of the soldiery. A sharp engagement resulted in the disposal of the insurrectionists, who left twenty-seven dead on the scene of the encounter.

The retreating revolutionists commandeered junks and endeavoured to reach Fatsan, but were overtaken by Chinese gunboats. A sharp fight ensued. Five soldiers and about one hundred insurgents were killed, and the junks sunk or were captured. There were about four hundred insurgents, and the remaining three hundred succeeded in escaping in the small boats through shallow water where the gun boats dared not follow.

Notwithstanding their evident defeat the insurgents continued to Fatsan where they destroyed the police quarters and partly burned the yamen of the military district commander.

They then awaited the arrival of the troops when a vigorous fight ensued resulting in the death of one captain and about thirty soldiers and many (number not known) insurgents. The fight continued until the person apparently leading the insurgents was several times shot and at last fell, when the revolutionists scattered to the four winds.

The foreign residents were yesterday given a considerable scare by a report of trouble near Tai Sun street. The gun boats prepared for action and marines were landed on the Shamsui. The rumour, now appears to have originated by the people outside the walled city seeing what they thought to be a large body of troops coming out. The fact is that the gates had been closed and were opened to allow a high official and his body guards to pass out, when a large crowd, which had congregated just on the inside waiting for the gates to be opened, rushed out.

This frightened the people on the outside and the further they ran the more frightened they became, and their number increased.

The West and South, and possibly the East, gates are now open. I have just returned from a visit inside the walled city. The entrances, both inside and out, are strongly guarded. Suppressed excitement, especially about the gates, is evident, otherwise everything is serene.

On the 20th April the Viceroy published a notice offering a reward of two hundred dollars per head, dead or alive, for all revolutionists. This greatly alarmed the people, especially those without queues, and the Viceroy was petitioned to withdraw his offer, which he did the same day. Olinamen are now afraid to enter into the "Old City" for fear of being mistaken for insurgents or being shot by persons who have grudges against them.

A very significant feature is the non-use of the "New Army"—that is, the army trained according to modern methods. All the fighting and service has been done by the old army. Only on one occasion was the "New Army" used, and then only to guard the gates for a short time to prevent anybody leaving. During this service they captured one revolutionist. According to the Chinese papers the "New Army" regrets not being used. The reason for not using it is the uncertainty as to their sympathies.

Admiral Li Sing Yok is still in command. The stories as to the General's wounds are somewhat conflicting. The officials claim he was shot in the hand, while the papers say in the side. It is certain he is alive. The only person of particular importance thus far killed is the Director of the Financial Department of the Treasury.

According to the officials only 47 have thus far been beheaded, all of whom were caught red-handed.

## VICEROY'S FAMILY NARROWLY ESCAPE DEATH.

TROOPS ARRIVE IN TIME TO PREVENT PLACE OF REFUGE BEING DESTROYED.

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.] Canton, May 3.

It has now transpired that the family of the Viceroy and two members of his staff only narrowly escaped from the jaws of death on the night of the outbreak. As already reported they escaped by demolishing a back wall of the yamen. They were led by one of the Viceroy's A.D.C.s to the house at San-tor lane in Kan-yu street, occupied by the family of one of Admiral Li Chun's staff officers. No sooner had they got into the house, than the news reached the ears of the rebels, who at once surrounded the house and some of them went on to the roof to pour down kerosene oil with the intention of setting fire to the house. Fortunately the troops arrived at an opportune moment and the rebels fled in all directions. The Viceroy's family and his staff were then escorted to Admiral Li Chun's yamen.

## ARREST OF INSURGENTS.

FORCES OF TROOPS STRENGTHENED IN CANTON.

Viceroy Advises Merchants to Resume Business.

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.] Canton, May 3rd.

H.E. the Canton Viceroy and Admiral Li Chun have jointly issued a notification informing the public that order had been restored in Fatsan and that the rebels who are at large are being apprehended. They also informed the people that they have strengthened the forces of troops in Canton, its suburbs and its outskirts. At the same time they have dispatched more gunboats and steam launches for patrolling the place. All the gates in the city have now been reopened, but soldiers are stationed at each gate for detecting pedestrians. His Excellency and Admiral Li Chun, advised the gentry, the merchants and the public to go on their business as usual. If any wrongdoer dares to create a disturbance by spreading rumours, he will be severely punished on discovery.

## COMMERCIAL.

### SHANGHAI TRADE.

Messrs. Noel, Murray & Co.'s report on the Shanghai Piece Goods Trade says:—It has not been necessary for some considerable time past to find any fault with the manner in which the I. M. Customs daily returns are published, but when for two weeks in succession absolutely no import cargoes are declared, it is about time some complaint was made. The usual average time for the declaration of import cargoes is twenty-five days after entry, but there are now over nine important carriers that have been here an average of twenty-nine days whose cargoes are not yet published; the longest thirty-five days; besides which there are ten or a dozen more that



## STORY OF THE ATTACK.

(THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT)

Canton, April 28.

For the last few days rumours have been current that a rising of anarchists would take place. Although the local authorities had taken every precaution against a disturbance, and the garrison, the banner, and the naval troops had been called in readiness for any emergency, the rising actually took place as anticipated last night.

It appears that yesterday morning H.E. the Viceroy issued urgent orders for a thorough search for revolutionaries to be made in the whole city. In the afternoon one of the ringleaders was arrested and his followers tried to disperse and escape. The attempt was, however, futile owing to the precautions already taken by the authorities. They had no means of escape, and there was no way open to them except to face death. They gathered up their courage and made a run for the Viceroy's yamen with bombs, explosives and revolvers. They all wore a white band as a sign of the party. They set fire to the yamen, and before much damage was done they were fired by the Viceroy's bodyguards. They at once opened fire on the incendiaries, who, however, returned with great determination. Ultimately they had to make a hasty retreat on account of the reinforcement of the garrison. The bodyguards displayed great courage, and were on the heels of the incendiaries.

Being pressed, the revolutionaries had no alternative but to resume the attack. The casualties on both sides were heavy. By this time all the city gates were closed.

Telephonic and telegraphic communication have been suspended by the order of the officials, in case news of the outrage might spread.

The revolutionaries were surrounded by both the Viceroy's bodyguards and the soldiers of the garrison. Many arrests were made, and a great number were killed. Although the casualties on both sides could not be ascertained, it is certain that both must have lost heavily. Two naval officers were killed during the encounter, and the Brigadier-General was wounded in the hand.

As regards the fire at the Viceroy's yamen, only the front part of the building was burnt down. As soon as His Excellency heard of the outbreak, he gave orders at once not to save the building but to let the conflagration burn itself out. He commanded his bodyguards to surround the building and arrest all the incendiaries. The bannermen also protected the city. All the soldiers were ordered out, and His Excellency's commands were promptly executed. Every effort was made to put down the tumult. Soon afterwards order was restored. The Viceroy at once telegraphed to Peking reporting the occurrence. The people living on the western side of the city were ignorant until morning that such a serious riot had occurred during the night.

Canton, April 29, 1 p.m.

The rigorous measures instituted by the Viceroy have had the desired effect, and the City is now quiet.

There is little danger of a further outbreak.

## EUROPEAN CONSTABLE FINED.

The case in which European Police Constable Harold Jones, No. 15, was charged with disobedience, conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline, and insubordination to the Chief Police Officer, was concluded on the 25th before Mr. Maundrell, acting third magistrate, Singapore.

His Worship, before convicting the defendant amended the second charge to read "conduct to the prejudice of good order and discipline by stating to Inspector Connor that he (defendant) would not salute anyone below the rank of Superintendent."

Defendant said he did not use these words.

His Worship imposed a fine of \$20 or two weeks' imprisonment on the first charge, \$10 or one week on the second charge, and \$20 or two weeks on the third.

Defendant asked for a few days in which to pay the fines, but his Worship refused his request.

## OUR LETTER BOX.

## HONGKONG MOTOR CARS.

To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph."

Sir,—I hope the public may venture to count on your advocacy and support to resist any unnecessary interference with the legitimate pleasure and rights of the motoring community. There are indications of intolerance on the part of certain of our citizens whose good intentions are in advance of their intelligence, and whose zeal bids fair to outrun their discretion. Motoring, even in Hongkong, is quite as allowable a method of locomotion as railways or steamships and there is no more sense in asking for needless legislative restrictions in respect of its exercise, than there would be in regulating the number of railway journeys each citizen should take in a year, or the consumption of cocktails on an American liner. Accidents are incidental to life and can no more be prevented than the seasonal occurrence of typhoons and their tale of death, dues.

The motoring fraternity does not ask any exemption from legal penalties which rightly attach to culpable carelessness or personal disregard of life and property. But it does demand that liberty of action, freedom from vexatious control, which all other classes of the community enjoy. Motors have come to stay, and though, at present, they are owned only by the enterprising American or the advanced Chinese, their use will become more general at no distant date, and any unwise restrictive measures will be distinctly retrogressive. The occurrence of an occasional motor mishap does not prove a callous disregard on the part of the owner, for the welfare of the humble pedestrian. The exhilaration of motoring is its own enjoyment. The day of stone throwing into the frog pond of China has long gone by. The month batrachian has, for centuries, suffered less from the wanton school boy than from the culinary artist who makes an appetising dish of edible frog's legs.

As the telegram marked an historic advance over the ordinary postal letter, in the last century, so we trust that the metonymical "Telegraph" will also make progress, even when the "Mail" exhibits a capricious conservatism.

—Yours &amp;c.

HETT. MELVIN.

## RETIREMENT OF CHIEF DETECTIVE INSPECTOR J. W. HANSON.

The retirement is announced of the head of the Hongkong Detective Department, Mr. J. W. Hanson, who for over thirty years has been connected with the constabulary in the Colony. Mr. Hanson was included in the King's New Year honours list, and about three weeks ago he received the much coveted Police Medal, presented on behalf of the King by the Governor of the Colony. Mr. Hanson, who left London in 1874, in a sailing ship, at the age of 17 years, applied for admission to the police force on his arrival at Hongkong. During the voyage he encountered severe storms. He has proved himself one of the most capable officers who helped to administer the Police regulations in Hongkong. He has seen great changes, for at the time he entered the service, Kowloon was nothing but a sandy beach from Hunghom to Sansui, on which were a few native huts and the police station, known as the "Old Castle." He has had many awkward experiences; once he was attacked by a robber, and on another occasion he had a narrow escape from losing his life in attempting to seize two boats whose crews had arranged to rob a house. He effected arrests, but on entering the cell some time later he was met by revolver shots. During his residence here Mr. Hanson has visited England twice. He leaves for Home in the course of a week or two.

The body of a Chinese male was found on the hill side near Deep Bay. He had a large wound on the side of his shoulder and five large wounds on his skull. Not far from where he was found, a false queue, a clasp knife and a gold ring were discovered.

## COUNCIL OF THE UNIVERSITY.

The following are the first members of the Council of the University of Hongkong:

Sir Frederick John Denby, Lugard, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., Chairman.

Treasurer of the University, Hon. Sir Catchick Paul Chater, Kt., C.M.G.

Director of Public Works, Hon. Mr. William Chatham, C.M.G.

The Registrar General, Hon. Mr. Arthur Wenbolt Brown.

Principal Civil Medical Officer, Hon. Dr. John Milford Atkinson.

Director of Education, Mr. Edward Alexander Irving.

Hon. Mr. Henry Edward Pollock, K.C.

Mr. Murray Stewart (Hon. Mr. Cecil Clementi, Acting).

Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, C.M.G., M.B., M.R.C.S.

Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, C.M.G.

Mr. Lau Chu Pak.

## CHINESE IN AUSTRALIA.

## A MAN GRANTED CONVERSION.

Dubbo, Monday.—A very important decision was given by the Land Appeal Court at Dubbo on Thursday respecting unnaturalised Chinaman holding land. Chien Lee had had his application to convert his homestead selection into a conditional purchase refused by the Land Board, and he now appealed. The appeal was upheld in the following decision:—

The appellant, a Chinaman, is not a naturalised subject. He made application under provisions of section 43 of the Crown Land Act of 1908 for a homestead selection. This we understand, was taken up in 1907 by one Angus McKenzie in his name, and a homestead grant was executed in 1903. The land became subject to a mortgage. The land was disposed of by the official assignee, and the appellant, we understand, became the registered holder of the selection, subject to the mortgage held by the commissioners of the Government Savings Bank. The Land Board has disallowed his application for conversion, finding that he is a Chinaman who did not give notice of his intention to apply for naturalisation, nor does he ask to amend his application. It is not apparent that the applicant, by becoming naturalised, would be successful. Section 3 of the Act of 1888 provides that after its passing no certificates of naturalisation should be issued to any Chinaman. The Commonwealth Naturalisation Act, 1903, which by section 13 transfers the right to issue certificates of naturalisation from the State Governor to the Governor-General, does not on its face abrogate the Act of 1888, or the Pacific Islands—except New Zealand—to apply for certificates of naturalisation. Section 41 of the Act of 1895 provides that an unnaturalised subject should not be qualified to apply for a H.S., C.P.L., S.O.L., S.L., or original C.P., unless he has resided in New South Wales one year, and at the time of making such application he gives a declaration of his intention to become naturalised within five years from such declaration. The Act of 1898 provides, under section 4, that real and personal property of every description may be taken, held, acquired, or disposed of by an alien in the same manner as though from the year in question he were a naturalised British subject. One constituted like the appellant was barred from taking an original C.P., but he could acquire one from the holder and apply for additional land. We read the sections of the 1908 Act to apply to conditions attached to a new holding after it had come into existence, and under conditions precedent. It is not disputed that the appellant is the registered holder, and the person entitled to the equity on the redemption of the H.S. The question is, "Has he applied for his C.P. within the meaning of section 41, which was directed against aliens taking Crown lands in the first instance?" Chien Lee did not do so. He holds the grant, and is seeking to change his title. Under section 3 of the 1908 Act he is entitled to do this, although he is not, and could not be, a naturalised British subject. We sustain the appeal, and remit the case to the Land Board for necessary action. Deposit to be refunded.

## COMMERCIAL.

The report of Messrs. W. G. Hale and Company, rice-dealers, Saigon, dated the 29th ult., states that the Saigon market closed steadily with further inquiries. The previous exports of white rice, cargo rice and paddy to various points amounted to 159,556 tons, while the amount exported since the 1st March, 1911, was 91,030 tons, making a total of 250,586 tons. The figure for the same period of last year was 345,900, an increase over the present figure of 92,314 tons.

Tonnage.—Quotations stand as follows:—Tons to Hongkong, 22.23 cents to Java; and 10.11 cents to Singapore; 23.24 cents to the Philippines; 20.21 cents to Japan.

Charts.—The following are the settlements:—Norwegian steamer Nord 25,000 piods to Singapore \$4,200 in full. Norwegian steamer Ulv 30,000 piods to Singapore \$4,200 in full. Norwegian steamer Prosper 30,000 piods to Hongkong at 13 cents per piod rice.

## SINGAPORE SHARES.

Messrs. Fraser and Co.'s weekly share circular, dated April 26, states:—

There has been more activity in the market during the past week, though prices in rubbers have been somewhat easier. At the close, however, there has been a sharp recovery in sterling shares, followed by a considerable demand for dividend-paying local stocks. Mining shares are quiet with a steady enquiry for Trochus, and in the industrial section the chief feature has been the activity of Straits Trading Company's.

Rubber.—Bukit Rajahs have changed hands at £14.10. Seafields £5.14-4 1-2, Tobraun 65s. 0d., Jurga Lands 45s. 3d., Sipangs 30s. 0d., Linggie 49s. 0d. to 46s. 3d., Vallambrosa 34s. 9d. to 32s. 3d., Duffs, 11s. 4 1-2d., Tanjong Malins 5s. 9d. premium, Chersonese 3s. 9d., Bertams 6s. 9d. to 6s. 6d., Yam Seng 9s. 3d. to 8s. 7 1-2d., Kamunings 4s. 0d. premium, Henwoods 4s. 0d., Merlimans 4s. 8d. and the Option shares 3s. 0d. to 2s. 9d. Allagars—have been done at 4/2, Chotas 2/5, Juras 1/4, 31-2d., and Singapore United 5s. premium. Amongst the dollar stocks, Singapore and Johore have been sold at \$11 to \$10.75, New Singapore Rubbers \$5.40, Pajans \$10.75, New Serendubs \$2.10, United Singapore \$1.35, Ayer Moleks \$1.72-2, and Glenelchs \$1.70. A few Pegohs have been done at \$20 and there has been considerable investment in Sanderyoffs at \$23 and Chingkat Serdanges at \$6.50 to \$6.75 cum dividend.

Mining.—Kamabois have been placed at \$1.05, Malacca Tin Dredgings 75 cents, and Sipians 25 cents. Trochus are wanted at \$20.50 with few shares offering.

General.—Forced sales have brought the price of Straits Trading to \$48 at which price a large business has been done. At the close however there is a scarcity of sellers. Fraser and Neaves are steady at \$38 and Shell Transports have been done at 90.

## HALL AND HOLTZ, LTD.

The report of the directors of Messrs. Hall and Holtz, Ltd., for the year ended February 28, 1911, has been issued to the shareholders. The profit for the year, including \$11,327.76 brought forward from last year, amounts to \$52,829.06 which the directors recommended shall be disposed of as follows:—A dividend of \$1.60 per share, at 8 per cent. \$42,140.80; write off Fixtures Account 10 per cent. \$1,087.45; and to carry forward to new account \$9,600.81.

## HONGKONG FINANCE.

The returns are considered to be as satisfactory as one could expect bearing in mind the difficult questions which came up for treatment during the year. It is true that on the total figures there is a deficit on the year's working but taking all things into consideration we may count ourselves fortunate that the difference is not more pronounced than it is, the journal concludes. We wonder if the returns for the year 1911 will make more cheerful reading? Judging from recent utterances we doubt it, notwithstanding the increases made in the duties on liquor in Hongkong.

—Hankow Daily News

## CHINESE PARTNERSHIP.

## SINGAPORE'S VIEW.

How frequently the Hongkong Legislative Council has sought to introduce a new Ordinance on the subject of Chinese partnerships the records of the Council show, says the "Singapore Free Press." Perhaps the real reason of the failure to arrive at any practical solution of the problem has been that the effort was in the main to impose Western practice too rigidly upon Oriental business methods. It is quite true that Chinese practice in partnerships too often lent itself in an ingenious machinery for the evasion of mercantile responsibilities. And perhaps the various projects for reform were disheartened by the conviction that Chinese firms were in the main agencies for fraudulent mercantile practices. At Hongkong there is a renewed effort to create legislation for the registration of Chinese partnerships. With a regard to common sense there is no attempt to enforce any east-iron practice derived from Western legislation. The foundation of the new Hongkong effort at legislation is the complete recognition of Chinese business practice in regard to partnerships, and the embodiment of all that in a system of voluntary registration. Those who do not care to come under the law of partnership registration will have to remain under the more drastic unlimited liability of the present partnership law. It will be seen that the Chief Justice of Hongkong, in dealing with a case not very long ago, indicated to the Government what he styled "the extreme danger of reproducing English legislation bodily into the Colonial Statute book without at least considering the question how it may affect the customs of the large body of Chinese who are legislated for."

The Partnership Registration Ordinance is really a careful embodiment of that Chinese practice. The important thing is that the principles that find place in this Ordinance must be assumed to be those prevailing in all the Chinese Coast Ports, and in the Straits, Rangoon, and Calcutta. The net of registration under the ordinance is voluntary, and the effect of that is that Chinese firms are enabled to differentiate their own status voluntarily, either by registering or refraining from registration. The disability that non-registering firms will suffer will be the presumption that these are attempting to carry on mercantile operations under pretexts implying trade irregularities. In litigation and in commercial transactions non-registration would therefore imply a business practice that might be open to question. There is every precaution taken to ensure that registration of partners, which is quite voluntary, is genuine. There are specific questions to be replied to as an essential preliminary to personal registration, and if in these answers any false statement be made, that will constitute a misdemeanour. The mere fact that registration is voluntary leaves the option open to the mercantile Chinese community. But refraining from registration must lay the firm open to presumptions of irregularity that will not redound to its trading reputation. We should greatly like to have the views of leading Chinese trading firms here, because if the new legislation should prove acceptable and workable in Hongkong, that will be a very strong reason why its introduction should be favourably considered in this Colony, and in the Federated Malay States.

## AN ENGINEER'S ACTION.

Kuala Lumpur, April 25.—At Malacca, the acting Chief Justice, Sir A. Law, is hearing an action brought by A. H. S. McGee against the Malacca Rubber Plantations, Ltd. The plaintiff claims \$50,000, balance of salary, allowances, etc. The company is alleged to have dismissed him some months ago. He was consulting engineer for the company, having been engaged about eighteen months ago on a five years' agreement.

The Chinese Government has decided, says a Chungking message to the "Maimohi," to add another Division to the army in Kiri, where two Divisions are now stationed.

## BIBLE IN THE EAST.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BIBLE SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Hongkong auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held Thursday in the City Hall, Bishop Lander presiding over a large attendance.

He was supported on the platform by the Rev. G. H. Bondfield, the society's agent for China, Mr. J. L. McPherson, B.A. and the secretary of the Hongkong auxiliary, the Rev. H. R. Wells.

The Bishop moved that the report and accounts, as presented, be passed, and copies printed and sent to the society in London and the agent in Shanghai.

This was carried.

The Bishop said the present time was a very interesting one, and in a few weeks' time their gracious King would be crowned at Westminster Abbey, and the very climax of the Coronation service was the presentation of a Bible to His Majesty. Immediately after the crown was placed upon his head, the Archbishop of Canterbury would present him with a copy of the Bible, saying "we present you with this Book, the most valuable that this world affords. Here is wisdom; this is the Royal law." King George, said the Bishop, had already shown his reverence for the holy scriptures. The Bishop said that all around them there was a great opportunity for helping on the work of the society, and he appealed for more support in Hongkong.

Mr. J. L. McPherson addressed the meeting, and said it had fallen to his lot to tell of the progress of the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society during the past year. The total publications issued by the Society numbered more than 6,600,000. The publications consisted of complete Bibles, New Testaments and portions of the scriptures, and the number exceeded by far the total of any preceding year. It was of interest to know that of all the publications of the British Foreign Bible Society, nearly one quarter of them came to China. No less than 1,500,000 copies of the Bible or part of the Bible came to China during the past year, and of that number 99 per cent. were actually sold. Last year the scriptures were issued in six new languages. With the addition of these new languages, the Society now issues its publications in 424 different tongues. Mr. McPherson said the Bible Society had two main methods of working. The first was by supplying the various Christian Missions with Bibles or portions of the scriptures to be distributed by them, and the second was by means of colporteurs paid by the Society and working under its direction. Dealing with the first, Mr. McPherson said the Bible Society co-operates with the missionaries of almost every Reformed Church in preparing the versions which they need. A little more than one half of the total issued last year by the Bible Society was disseminated by the various Christian Missions. In conclusion, Mr. McPherson dealt with the claim which the Society had upon them individually, and said the Society had taken in its scope the whole world, and had already covered three-fourths of it.

The meeting was also addressed by the Rev. G. H. Bondfield, who spoke on the work of the Society in China.

The report stated that the income of the Hongkong auxiliary had been largely increased by donations from business houses, a new source of income suggested by a member of the committee. It was hoped that during the coming year the collections and subscriptions would improve even on those of last year, in view of the fact that this is the year of the centenary of the authorised version of the English Bible. The total sales were:—Bible 1,282, Testaments 2,581, and portion 5,356, in all 9,219.

A petition from the Chinese community of the whole state is being prepared and will shortly be submitted to Government, which embodies a universal request for the abolition of gambling in British North Borneo, says the "B. N. B. Herald." Meetings have been held in every place of importance in the country and the petition is sanctioned by all Chinese Chambers of Commerce.

## AN ANARCHIST'S STORY.

## QUOTES NELSON'S HISTORIC COMMAND.

## OFFICIALS SLAVES OF MANCHUS.

## EXPECTED NO SYMPATHY.

(THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT)

Canton, May 3.

It may be of interest to your readers to read the statements made by a captured young anarchist (20 years old) at the trial held in the Admiral's yamen. He declared that he did not take part in the act of setting fire to the Viceroy's yamen but he was so pleased with the damage done to the Viceregal building that he could not resist the temptation of making an enquiry. This was the cause of his arrest. He said that every Chinese was an anarchist at heart and in support of his opinion, he mentioned the names of the late Tartar General's assassin and that of the late Governor of Anhwei. He told the officials that they were the slaves of the Manchus and that they would not have been had it not been for the desire of making money. When questioned about the time of his acquaintance with the revolutionaries, he replied that he had a feeling against the Manchus while he was only 10 or 11 years old. When questioned as to the number of his confederates, he replied that even if he had betrayed them it would have been impossible for the officials to capture them. When he was condemned to death, the officials were sorry to see such a young man should have received so heavy a punishment. The prisoner said that he expected no sympathy or mercy from the officials and he has done his duty on behalf of his confederates. Success or failure was of no matter to him. His last words were "New China expects every man to do his duty."

## LOG BOOK.

The British steamer Ardeola has arrived in the Tagus bringing 27 men of the crew of the ship Bantshire, abandoned on her journey home from Chili. According to the statements of the shipwrecked men they encountered continuous storms for 23 days. On 18th March a cyclonic storm burst on them when 60 miles from Falmouth. The water rushed into the ship through a large hole in her keel. Then began a period of terrible suffering and privation. For seven consecutive days and nights the crew worked at the pumps in their endeavour to save the vessel, which was slowly settling down. Notwithstanding their intense fatigue through sleepless nights the men worked the pumps with undaunted courage, cheered and even assisted at times by Mrs. Purdie, the wife of the captain.

On 27th March, when the water was already up to their waists and all hopes had been abandoned the Ardeola appeared, and saw the signals of distress. She promptly took off the worried crew. The captain, before abandoning the Bantshire, set fire to her to avoid causing disasters to other ships that might cross her path.

A great merger of navigation companies, of which the Furness Steamship Company, of England, is the moving power behind the deal, is on foot in Toronto. The merger, which has for its object an uninterrupted service between English ports and Duluth, at the head of Lake Superior, will comprise the Furness Company, the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company, the Island Transportation Company, and the Northern Steamship Company.

The three Canadian companies mentioned are the most important inland navigation companies in Canada, working freight and passenger services, respectively, on the St. Lawrence River, Lake Ontario, Lake Huron and Lake Superior. The capital is not yet mentioned for the merger, but agents of the Furness Line are conducting negotiations.

The combine is practically completed. The Island Transportation Company and the Northern Steamship Company have already given their adhesion to the plan, and a full announcement is only awaiting acceptance by the Richelieu and Ontario Company. It is practically settled that the merger will be completed at once. It is considered by shipping people one of the most important deals ever arranged in the Dominion.



## SUPREME COURT.

Friday was "Settling Day" at the Summary Court, the Putsno Judge, Mr. Justice F. A. Hazeland, presiding.

**DEFENDANT IN SHAMEEN.**

The case of Lin Pau Ting against P. Schmidt for \$270 was mentioned.

Mr. Leo, d'Almada (for the defendant) asked that the case be allowed to stand over.

Mr. Stevenson opposed the application on the ground that the case was quite a short one—in fact, one of the short cases. He asked that a day be fixed some time next week.

His Lordship—Why do you want an adjournment?

Mr. Almada—I want to get the man here.

Mr. Stevenson—That's no excuse. The writ has been issued. I must ask your Lordship for a day.

Mr. Almada proceeded to explain that he had accepted service only the other day.

Mr. Stevenson—He has had an adjournment and must have had knowledge of the proceedings.

His Lordship—Have you communicated with your client?

Mr. Almada—I've written to him, but I have not received a reply.

His Lordship—Where's the man?

Mr. Almada—He's somewhere in the interior of Canton.

Mr. Stevenson—His address is Shamen.

The case was fixed for Wednesday next at ten o'clock.

**SOLICITOR APPEARS UNDER PROTEST.**

In the case in which the Chung Ou Hotel and another are sued by various parties for sums amounting to \$429.23, Mr. Almada said he appeared under protest on behalf of the second defendant, the latter not being a partner.

Mr. Hung—It's a very short cause. Defendant is the licensee of the hotel.

Mr. Almada—He may be the licensee.

His Lordship—Is he the licensee?

Mr. Almada—I don't know, my Lord.

The case was fixed for Tuesday next.

**A CAUTIOUS SOLICITOR.**

Mr. Goldring mentioned a certain action and, in doing so, pointed out to the Court that electric fans, etc., were being moved away and it was necessary that the Court should force on the case.

Mr. Needham—It's a question of discovery, my Lord.

His Lordship—I'll fix Wednesday afternoon for the case.

Mr. Goldring—In the meantime, I'll give my friend full inspection of the books.

The parties to the above action are the Gas Company against Wau Yu Chuen, the sum in dispute being \$220.44.

**APPLICATION TO DELAY EXECUTION.**

Mr. Matthew John Stephens appeared for Messrs. A. S. Watson and Company, Limited, in the action against Mrs. J. E. Holliday to recover the sum of \$101.05 for goods supplied. Mr. Stephens informed the Court that the amount had been reduced by the return of some bottles.

Mr. Jackson on behalf of the defendant consented to judgment for the amount claimed less \$11.

Mr. Stephens—I'm prepared to accept judgment for \$89.50 with costs.

Mr. Jackson—My object in appearing in this action is to ask that execution be not issued without notice being given me.

Mr. Stephens—I shall certainly give my friend notice. I don't intend to trouble the Court. I'm entitled to execution but I don't want to take advantage of it.

Mr. Jackson—I merely want sufficient notice, that's all.

His Lordship—Forty-eight hours?

Mr. Jackson—Yes.

Mr. Stephens—Certainly. Thank you, your Lordship.

**A QUESTION OF WAGES.**

Kwok A Ho filed a suit against C. F. Gray, to recover the sum of \$90.50 in respect of wages due.

Mr. Goldring (for the defendant)—I'm going to file a counter-claim. There's an absolute defence. The whole liability is denied.

Mr. Kong Sing—It's an action for wages. It's a question of notice in lieu of wages.

The case was adjourned.

## WANTED TO CALCULATE INTEREST.

Shudda Singh and Hernam Singh proceeded against A. F. Baptista to recover the sums of \$380 and \$180, respectively, due under promissory notes.

Mr. Harris (for the plaintiffs)—I think my friend consents to judgment.

Mr. Jackson (for the defendant)—No, I don't.

Mr. Harris—I produced the promissory notes to my friend.

Mr. Jackson—They're not promissory notes.

Mr. Harris—The amounts on the face of the documents are payable jointly and severally.

Mr. Jackson—I want, even if I were liable, to calculate the interest and then ask your Lordship to make an order for instalments of about \$1 a month.

Mr. Harris—My friend says \$1 a month.

Mr. Jackson—It does not matter to me a bit.

This case was adjourned till tomorrow morning.

## ACTION STRUCK OFF.

In the action in which Rattan Singh sued J. C. Moosa to recover the sum of \$112, both the parties to the action failed to answer to their names when called out three times by the clerk of the court. The action was accordingly struck off by default.

## LAWN BOWLS.

## COMING COMPETITIONS.

The following are the draws for the various competitions at the Kowloon Bowling Green Club:

**CHAMPIONSHIP.**

T. C. Nicholai v. D. Keith.

T. Ramsay v. W. Brown.

G. L. Duncan v. W. Taylor.

G. K. Haxton v. G. W. Grosset.

T. Neave v. J. R. Allen.

G. A. Walker v. H. Shires.

S. Gray v. J. M. Henderson.

R. Hunter v. D. Muir.

T. Petrie v. D. Gow.

D. McQuig v. R. Hall.

D. Harvey v. W. Johnson.

C. W. Alexander v. G. R. Edwards.

A. Ramsay v. T. W. Robertson.

D. Cooper v. J. Shearer.

A. H. Illa, bye.

J. Guy, bye.

**PRESIDENT'S CUP.**

T. C. Nicholai v. A. Ramsay.

W. Taylor v. S. Gray.

W. Brown v. T. W. Robertson.

D. Keith v. L. Guy.

T. Ramsay v. H. Shires.

T. Petrie v. R. Hunter.

C. W. Alexander v. J. R. Allen.

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D. Muir v. G. K. Haxton.

J. Henderson v. R. Hall.

A. H. Illa v. G. W. Grosset.

T. Neave v. D. McQuig.

Second Round.

T. C. Nicholai v. T. W. Robertson.

C. W. Alexander v. F. C. Nicholai.

W. Johnson v. O. S. Williams.

H. Shires v. D. Harvey.

S. Gray v. L. Guy.

D. McQuig v. G. R. Edwards.

E. Hall v. J. M. Henderson.

D. Keith v. W. Brown.

G. W. Grosset v. D. Gow.

W. Taylor v. G. L. Duncan.

D. Cooper v. T. Ramsay.

Second Round.

T. Neave v. J. R. Allen.

J. Shearer v. A. Ramsay.

T. W. Robertson, bye.

R. Hunter, bye.

**EDWARDS CUP.**

D. Harvey v. T. Ramsay.

J. M. Henderson v. T. Neave.

G. L. Duncan v. D. Cooper.

A. Ramsay v. H. Shires.

D. Keith v. R. Hunter.

T. C. Nicholai v. O. S. Williams.

J. R. Allen v. C. W. Alexander.

W. Brown v. D. McQuig.

R. Hall v. W. Johnson.

Second Round.

D. Gow v. W. Taylor.

T. W. Robertson v. G. W. Grosset.

L. Guy v. J. Shearer.

S. Gray, bye.

## BOCCA TIGRIS WELL GUARDED.

## GUNBOATS DISPATCHED.

(The "Telegraph" Correspondent.)

Canton, May 3.

His Excellency the Canton Viceroy has instructed the Provincial Treasurer to put aside a sum of £50,000, and has sent deputies to go to the barracks of the Canton recruits with the money to be distributed among them in respect of provision allowances. The deputies have been further required to distribute arms and ammunition to the soldiers and to order them to prepare for transference to other places on commission. H. E. the Canton Viceroy has also instructed the shop people to resume business as usual and to tell the rice and fire wood dealers not to increase the prices of these two goods under penalties of heavy fines. Six deputies have been appointed to take charge of the city gates. The Canton Prefect and the Pun U Magistrate have been entrusted with the duty of going round the places where houses had either been burned down or destroyed by bombs and to report. His Excellency the Viceroy has instructed the Customs Commissioners to pay sole attention to the detection of smuggled arms. It is reported that the Viceroy has also communicated with the Governor of Hongkong to give assistance in this matter. Admiral Li Chun has, as the result of the Canton outbreak, regarded it imperative to strengthen the force of the garrison stationed in the different posts. He has consulted with the Viceroy about dispatching two large gunboats to guard Bocca Tigris, as the Admiral is of opinion that this place is the key to Canton.

**THE PLAGUE.**

**EPIDEMIC ALMOST AT AN END.**

We are indebted to Messrs. Thomas Cook & Son for the following copy of a letter from the South Manchuria Railway Company, dated April 24th:—

"We have the pleasure of informing you that the plague epidemic in South Manchuria has almost entirely ceased and we have decided to carry without any restriction the first and second class Chinese passengers over our whole line on and after the 22nd April, and the third class Chinese passengers will be carried under our Station Master's permission."

"The Chinese coolies and like labourers are still subject to detention, and also those who came from Chefoo or other infected ports shall undergo the detention for the quarantine purposes on heretofore."

**NEWS FROM THE NORTH.**

**INSURGENTS OFFER SERVICES TO ARMY.**

Six hundred disbanded soldiers have joined the ranks of the brigands and have created a disturbance in the neighbourhood of Heilungkiang. Several severe encounters ensued between them and the troops stationed in those places. Many officers of the troops were killed. The insurgents were armed with quick firing guns and cannon. The leader of the insurgents has sent in a letter to the authorities offering their services in the army.

**HUNGCHOW A FREE PORT.**

According to instructions received from the Chief Commissioner of the Maritime Customs, Hungchow was declared a free port on the 1st of May.

**CHINESE MASSACRED IN MONGOLIA.**

The other day the Chinese residing in Mongolia were without reason attacked by a large number of Mongolians. They set fire to the houses and a large number of Chinese were massacred. Hearing the news, the Chinese authorities at once despatched 3,500 troops to subdue the disturbance. The leaders of those evil-doers were shot down and the troops returned home. Half way they were attacked by 4,000 brigands. The troops were defeated and had to retire. It is reported that the guns and ammunition were supplied to the insurgents by foreign countries.

## CORONATION CELEBRATIONS.

## THE HONGKONG PROGRAMME ARRANGED.

(The "Telegraph" Correspondent.)

Canton, May 3.

We have received from the Coronation Celebrations Committee, of which Sir Francis Pigott is chairman, a copy of the programme which has been arranged for the event.

The Committee informs us that the Commodore has sanctioned the details in which the men-of-war compete and the Officers Commanding the different regiments have sanctioned the attendance of the various bands.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 22.**

**H.E. THE GOVERNOR'S RECEPTION.**

H.E. will hold a public reception at Government House. The guests attending the reception will pass into the gardens which will be connected with the public gardens, and the whole illuminated with Japanese lanterns. Refreshments will be served, and the band will play, in the Public Gardens.

The Japanese community will give a display of fireworks.

The Chinese Fish-Lantern procession will pass along Upper Albert Road, and round and into the Gardens.

**FISH-LANTERN PROCESSION, AND FIREWORKS.**

The route of the procession, except as above indicated, will be settled hereafter.

There will be three set-pieces of Chinese Fireworks at 10 p.m. in the harbour.

The men-of-war will illuminate from 9 to 11 p.m.

Merchant vessels will be asked to co-operate.

**PRIVATE FIREWORKS.**

It is hoped that captains of vessels and private persons on shore who desire to have any fireworks display, will arrange to have it on this night between 9 and 11 p.m., in order not to interfere with the set display on the second night (Friday).

**SECOND NIGHT:—FRIDAY, JUNE 23.**

Lantern Illumination of the City.

Every householder and hong and occupier of buildings in the City as well as on the Peak, and also on the Kowloon side, will be asked to display one (at least) Chinese or Japanese red lantern in every window or porch or balcony which is visible from the harbour, from 9.30 to 11.30 p.m.

The Public Works Department will be asked to line the lamps on the upper roadways with red paper, as was done on the occasion of the visit of H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught.

Red flares will be lighted on the Praya wall from Blako Pier to Murray Pier.

"Statue Square" will be specially illuminated with large red Japanese lanterns, and with a shower of white electric lights over Queen Victoria's statue.

The Peak signal station and Black Head signal station (Kowloon side) will be lighted with blue flares.

Junks, sampans, and cargo boats will be under the special control of the Harbour Master; they will display festoons of red lanterns.

The Hongkong Club proposes to be open to ladies on this evening.

The K.O.Y.L.I. will give a torchlight tattoo on the cricket ground, which will last from 9.10 to 9.30 p.m.

There will be a search-light display by the men-of-war from 9.10 to 9.40 p.m.

From 9.40 to 10 p.m. a fire dragon boat with Bengal lights and fireworks will move slowly down the harbour.

At 10.45, on a signal from the Harbour Master's launch, "God Save the King" will be lighted in large white letters along the May Road, the men-of-war will illuminate (merchant vessels being asked to co-operate), and the bands of the regiments on both sides of the harbour will play the national anthem. This will be followed by a special fireworks display in the harbour, concluding at 11.15 p.m.

Rockets will be fired in pairs from two pontoons anchored in the harbour so that they will meet at the top of their flight and burst together; the flights of rockets will be alternated with detonator rockets from the Harbour Master's launch, ending with a salvo, and with "bouquets" of rockets from the men-of-war, and Kowloon signal station.

The possibility of arranging bonfires is under consideration.

## HIS EXCELLENCY'S FAMILY ESCAPES BY DEMOLISHING WALL.

## DOCUMENTS SAVED.

(The "Telegraph" Correspondent.)

Canton, May 3.

Our correspondent sends a brief account of the escape of His Excellency's family and the Viceroy's father. He says that when the fire was at its height, the Viceroy's father and His Excellency's family escaped by demolishing a back wall. They sought shelter at the Naval Department. The Governor of Hongkong has dispatched two destroyers to Shamen to protect the lives and properties of British subjects. All the documents in the Viceroy's yamen, concludes our correspondent, were saved.

A meeting was held in the hall of the Self-Government Investigation Society yesterday afternoon to consider the matter of re-organization. The members of the Self-Government Society, the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, and the members of the ten charitable institutions were present.

The public were urged by the Self-Government Investigation Society to keep calm during the present crisis, as the authorities were hunting the revolutionaries from house to house, and the city gates would soon be opened.

**THAT TIGER AGAIN!**

**A POLICEMAN'S STORY.**

During the past weeks the story that a tiger is at large in the colony has found general acceptance. Many persons have reported that much of their live stock has disappeared unaccountably.

The latest case is that of a native constable at Shaikwan, who has missed a goat. He took matters into his own hands, and seizing a rifle, went in chase of the thief, surmising it to be a quadruped. He searched the hills and eventually came upon two animals which he believed to be wolves. He fired, and hit one of them in the hind leg. Both, however, made off and though he gave chase he could not trace them.

**MANCHURIA'S FUTURE.**

**CHINA'S DIFFICULT TASK.**

If report is to be believed, the new Manchurian Viceroy has been given all the authority which it is possible for China to give.

The only effective weapon would be a million well armed troops—not for present use of course, because there are treaty obligations which must be observed until the time has arrived when they cease and terminate by efflux of time. Then, the strong arm would be the final argument in the new negotiations. The new Viceroy doubles his high office with that of Tartar-General, in order, doubtless, that there shall be no divided control, but that all the power which China can bring to bear shall speak with one voice, without hesitancy, equivocation, or loss of effect.

The more international Manchuria becomes the more Chinese she will be, a paradoxical saying perhaps, but one profoundly true. Japan seems to recognise this in her growls over the apportionment of the new loan.

**HONGKONG DAY BY DAY.**

The Suerie left Manila with 20,000 bales of hemp for Seattle.

The Chinese cruiser "Haichi" with Rear-Admiral P. K. Ching and staff on board, has passed Singapore on her way to Colombo. Salutes were fired.

The leading jewellers in Calcutta are said to be very busy at present with important orders from Indian noblemen, some of whom intend being present at the Coronation in London.

We have received some very excellent photographs from Neo Cheung, of the contingent of Hongkong Volunteers, just before their departure for Home to be present at the Coronation.

Cholera seems to be on the increase in Batavia and the surrounding country. From April 2 to 10, the average per day was about six cases. For the 9th and 10th alone there were 21 cases.

## Two men entered 311, Queen's Road Central, on the second floor Tuesday morning. The inmates gave the alarm and ran in the district blow a whistle. The party, the members of which were armed, made off.

Major General Anderson, C.B., has returned from Shanghai where he inspected the Volunteers, and has resumed command of the South China troops. The General was attended by Lieut. J. de la Simonds, R.A., A.D.C.

Local supporters of the "Ancient Game of Bowls" are anxious to see another match between the Cricket Club and the Kowloon Bowling Club. The previous match was greatly enjoyed by all concerned.

Mr Charles Montague Edo has been appointed by His Excellency to be an unofficial member of the Legislative Council during the absence, on leave of the Hon. Mr. E. Osborne. The appointment is subject to His Majesty's pleasure.

Among the passengers who left by the liner Mongolia Saturday were Judge and Mrs. A. E. McCabe, of Manila, Messrs. H. L. Mason, F. B. Taylor, C. Hewitt, H. C. Ehrenfels (of the O.B. Brewery, proceeding to Shanghai) and D. W. Caldwell.

At Nga Un Pau, between Ping Shan and Taipei, about 7.30 Tuesday morning, a man attacked a woman on the high road and stole \$47 in money from a basket she was carrying. The man escaped towards Chinese territory.

Miss Alice F. Kwok, a student of the St. Agnes' College, Italian Convent, and sister of Mr. P. K. Kwok, of Messrs. Singon & Co., is proceeding to London by the German Mail "Prinz Ludwig," leaving here to-day, to complete her studies in English.

Mr. Padoux, Minister Plenipotentiary and Legal Advisor to the Government of Siam, arrived in the Colony Wednesday by the German Mail and left for home the same night. Last evening, he was entertained to a private dinner at the Astor House by the officials of the French Consulate.

The Philippine Carnival of 1912 will open on February 3 next, and, according to the Manila papers, "will wind up in a blaze of riotous glory" seven days later. Mr. Louis E. Marie will have charge of the construction and is busily engaged in making the necessary plans. There will again be three hippodrome nights, and an aviation meet is also being considered.

The steam trawler, "Hoi Fung," 195 tons gross register, which has been built in England for the Hongkong & South China Steam Fisheries Co., Ltd., underwent a successful trial trip on 15th inst., and sailed Friday for Hongkong. She is expected to call at Gibraltar, Port Said, Colombo, and Singapore and the voyage out will probably take 55 days.

A number of well-known Hongkong residents left by the P. & O. Mail steamer Assaye Saturday. Among the names of passengers were noticed the following:—Rev. O. R. F. Hughes, Mr. A. Chapman, H. G. Pratt, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Northcote, Miss McFarlane, Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar, Lieut. Com. F. A. Reyno, Rev. and Mrs. W. F. Oldham, F. J. Cross, M. G. H. Bryant, Miss A. Thomson, W. Symonds, and Lieut. Col. and Mrs. P. Young.



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## REVOLUTIONARIES SEIZE TRAIN NEAR BRITISH TERRITORY.

Information reached us this morning that gangs of revolutionaries forced drivers, stokers, etc., on one of the engines, used for construction work, on the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon railway, to continue running between Samohun and Pinglu. They were armed, and pointed their revolvers at the men on board the engine.

Trucks were commandeered and these were utilized for the conveyance of men, arms and ammunition, and it is rumoured that a big force is concentrating at Sheklung.

The engineer in charge, Mr. Moore, is now staying at Taipo.

All the Europeans, who were on this section beyond Lowu, were ordered to seek shelter on British territory some days ago, and some are now in Hongkong. Some interesting developments are expected daily.

Since the above information was received a "Telegraph" representative has made inquiries of European refugees now resident in Hongkong. Many came in a few days ago, for trouble had been anticipated for some time.

They had been warned, and had not failed to take advantage of the warning. There has been little semblance of order, we were informed, for some time in this wild district, which is just a few miles beyond the British frontier.

## COMMERCIAL COMMISSIONER HERE.

Mr. Lovett M. Wood, who arrived in Hongkong on board the American Maru, which rendered assistance to the wrecked Asia, is visiting various places in the Orient in search of commercial information on behalf of the United States Government.

He first intends to visit Japan, Formosa, Manchuria, Cutch, Bombay, and returns to America via England. His trip, he expects, will occupy one year.

Mr. Wood has had several interesting interviews, he says, with leading Chinese merchants and has visited several American business houses. Last night he had the pleasure of visiting the St. John Lodge of Freemasons, when three degrees were conferred.

Mr. Wood, who was first connected with the Canadian Lodge, he being Canadian born, had the honour, three years ago of receiving the degree of Knight Commander in the Scottish Rite Lodge, and he has been through the chairs of the Blue Lodge and 28 years ago was Past Master.

Mr. Wood, asked regarding the wreck of the Asia, said he could not add to the already "excellent account given on May 1st by the "Telegraph."

For a long number of years he has conducted a trade paper in America, and commenting on newspapers in Hongkong said the "Telegraph" was a fine sample of Colonial newspaper work. He had not expected to find, he said, papers of such quality in this far eastern English colony.

For the next day or so, Mr. Wood will take up residence just outside the British boundary, where he is visiting friends.

## SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

### HOME POLITICS.

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT]

London, May 5, 6.15 p.m.

The West Bromwich bye-election has resulted in a Unionist majority of two.

### COUNTY CRICKET.

SURREY DEFEATS

WARWICK.

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT]

London, May 5, 6.15 p.m.

Surrey to-day beat Warwick by an innings and 40 runs.

### BILLIARDS.

GRAY AND INMAN.

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT]

London, May 5, 6.15 p.m.

Gray, the young Australian champion billiard player, will meet Inman on June 5.

### BOXING.

ROY KENNY'S NEXT

FIGHT.

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT]

Shanghai, May 5th, 7.45 p.m.

Roy Kenny is here to meet Strong, from the Astrea, on the 13th inst.

His opponent is a fine boxer and heavyweight, and is a much bigger man than Kenny.

Roy Kenny is the man who defeated Bill Lewis in Hongkong, fought Mollvaine, the coloured man, at Zamboanga, in the Philippines, and lost to the latter on a supposed foul.

Our readers will remember arrangements are being made for these two men to meet again, probably at the Stadium, Hongkong, next month. The contest will take place in the open air, and cinematograph pictures will be taken of the fight.

### STATE INSURANCE IN ENGLAND.

REUTER'S SERVICE TO THE

"TELEGRAPH."

Bombay, May 5, 1.55 p.m.

Mr. Lloyd George's Insurance Bill has been read a first time.

Approval of its general principles is cordial and universal.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

### WOMEN'S FRANCHISE.

SECOND READING PASSED.

REUTER'S SERVICE TO THE  
"TELEGRAPH."

Bombay, May 6, 0.50 a.m.

In the House of Commons, after a listless debate, the Ministers not participating in the discussion, and the attendance small, there was passed for second reading by 255 votes to 83, Comps Bill granting parliamentary franchise to women householders.

The Bill, however, has no chance of passing this session, the Government being unable to give time.

### TURKISH MINISTERIAL CRISIS.

REUTER'S SERVICE TO THE  
"TELEGRAPH."

London, May 5.

A Constantinople telegram states that M. Djavid, the Minister of Finance, has resigned, and other Ministers, also representing the advanced section of Young Turks, are expected to resign as the result of dissensions in the party which resulted in a victory of the Conservatives.

### GREAT BRITAIN AND PERSIA.

A RAILWAY PROJECT.

REUTER'S SERVICE TO THE  
"TELEGRAPH."

London, May 5.

Sir Edward Grey, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has stated in the House of Commons that His Majesty's Government has applied to the Government of Persia for the option to construct a railway in South-West Persia with British capital. He could not now make a statement as to the terms of the application or the nature of the reply.

The report of the Senate's Committee (Capetown) on Closer Settlement advocates loans aggregating £500,000 annually to enable settlers to acquire farms, and urges that immediate steps be taken to secure desirable overseas settlers. Railway expansion, the committee adds, should be considered conjointly with land settlement.

## CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

### CURRENCY REFORM.

[THE "SHENG PO" SERVICE]

Peking, May 5th.

The Board of Finance has submitted the new one dollar design for the approval of the Throne.

### EMPRESS DOVAGER AND THE CANTON OUTBREAK.

[THE "SHENG PO" SERVICE]

Peking, May 5th.

The Empress Dowager of China has decided not to take up her residence in the Summer Palace this summer owing to the recent outbreak in Canton.

### "AN OPIUM TRAP."

A CHINESE HERBALIST'S  
DEAL.

Robert Lee Kum, 54, described as a Chinese herbalist, pleaded guilty before Mr. Mailland, at the Central Police Court, Sydney, on April 7th to a charge of having in his possession seven tins of opium suitable for smoking, on March 31. Senior-constable Charlton stated that at 11.30 p.m. on the date in question he saw the accused in Mullens-street, Rozelle. He was carrying a tin bag, and in reply to a question said he had some herbs in it. Witness opened the bag, and found seven tins of opium. Asked where he got it, he said he got it from Harry Beard, to whom he paid £3 per tin. Mr. Levy (for accused): From what you have subsequently been told I understand you have no doubt the accused was trapped?—No, none whatever. Sergeant Mankey: The police are prepared to admit there was most likely a trap set for the accused, and since his arrest an information had been laid against the man Beard. The Magistrate said he would take that into consideration, and fined the accused £5, in default two months.

Harry Beard was then proceeded against on a similar charge, to which he pleaded not guilty. Senior-constable Charlton, in giving evidence, detailed a conversation which he had with the defendant, in which he (defendant), said Lee Kum was bringing over some samples of opium to defendant's place that night. Witness asked "How much is he bringing for a sample?" to which defendant replied, "Seven bright tins." Asked if he had had any deals in opium, he said, "No." Witness subsequently went with the defendant to near his residence in Mullens-street, Rozelle, and after the defendant had been inside the house, he returned to witness, and said, "I have refused to buy the opium." He will be out in a minute. When Lee Kum did come out, witness arrested him after seeing the opium in his bag. Lee Kum said he was a Chinese herbalist in Campbell-street. He got the opium from the defendant Beard, and only had it in his possession about ten minutes when he was arrested.

Defendant denied that Lee Kum got the opium from him or that he ever offered him any. In answer to Sergeant Mankey, witness said he was fined £50 some time ago in Queensland for having opium in his possession.

The magistrate convicted, and fined Beard £25, in default four months. He thought the trick played by the defendant on the Chinaman was a most contemptible one. He ordered the opium to be confiscated.

## CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

### PEKING'S CABINET.

ROYAL APPROVAL SOUGHT

FOR.

[THE "SHENG PO" SERVICE]

Peking, May 5th.

The formation of the new cabinet has been submitted to the Prince Regent for consideration. The Prince has decided to appoint Prince Ching as president and Prince Lan and H.E. Chu as vice-presidents.

### PATRIOTISM.

FOR THE PROTECTION OF  
THE COUNTRY.

[THE "SHENG PO" SERVICE]

Peking, May 5.

Prince Tsai Tsan and Prince Tao have requested the Throne to encourage the formation of corps, to be maintained out of commercial funds, for the protection of the country.

### THE JAPANESE LOAN.

OFFERED SECURITY NOT  
DEEMED SUFFICIENT.

[THE "SHENG PO" SERVICE]

Peking, May 5th.

The Board of Communications proposes to give the profits from the Peking-Hankow Railway as security for the loan from Japan. The Japanese Government does not think it is sufficient and is accordingly asking for the military contributions of Kiangsu and Chekiang in addition.

### PRINCE KUNG AND OPIUM SMOKERS.

STRICT DEALINGS.

[THE "SHENG PO" SERVICE]

Peking, May 5.

The Anti-Opium Commissioner, Prince Kung, has been very strict with the officials suffering from the opium habit. All the officials of the various boards are greatly alarmed.

## AN ASTOUNDING MOVE.

The time has arrived for the Colony of Hongkong to be on the qui vivo. We must watch with jealous care all attempts of the Canton malcontents to involve a power friendly to China and the present Chinese Government in complications. We would draw attention to the information furnished by our Canton correspondent, published in the columns of our last evening's issue, wherein it is stated by our correspondent that:—

Yesterday the Self-Government Investigation Society distributed hand bills to the public stating that the members had been instructed by the Canton Viceroy that His Excellency was in receipt of a telegram from the Governor of Hongkong as to the influx of the people from Canton into Hongkong during the last week. In the telegram it is stated that Hongkong was so cramped with the people from Canton that it was impossible to accommodate such a multitude. It is reported that the Governor intends to limit the number of people landing at Hongkong.

We congratulate our Canton correspondent for contributing news so important in character.

This must be an attempt on the part of the Self-Government Investigation Society to score a point not only against the Viceroy, but also against the Government of Hongkong. We say authoritatively that the Governor of this colony sent no such telegram to the Viceroy of Canton or to any other person.

The Viceroy could not, therefore, have so informed the Self-Government Investigation Society, which, if this is an example of their style and method, should be renamed the Self-Improvement Society, and they should at once engage competent instructors with a view to attaining that degree of improvement apparently so necessary for them.

Is it possible that the Viceroy of Canton would lend himself to such a subterfuge that he might, by so doing, check the outflow of law-abiding and peaceful residents of the Canton district who are seeking a domicile where peace, law and order is assured?

The government of this Colony will now, and always, welcome with open arms all such Chinese as are now coming to Hongkong in hordes. They are China's best, it spells loss for Canton, but gain for Hongkong. Welcome all ye affrighted!

### POLICE COURT.

OPIUM PLANTING.

Mak Tai, rope maker, and Mak Un, boatman, were charged at the police court yesterday with planting opium on board the America Maru. Mak Tai was found guilty and fined three hundred dollars or in default three months' hard labour. Mak Un was remanded until to-day to give him an opportunity of proving he was a boatman. Yesterday he could not give the number of his boat. He was unable to do so this morning and was fined five hundred dollars or in default three months' hard labour.

WEARING GLASSES.

Dr. D. Webster remarks that the vast majority of persons who wear glasses can see as well without them. They use them to avoid a constant strain on the eyes.

For eyes in a healthy state pure cold water is the best wash. When the eyelids are inflamed a weak solution of salt and water makes the best domestic eyewash. Never apply poultices to the eye.

Gray's famous stroke is considered quite legitimate by the English Billiard Control Club.

## TO-DAY'S SPORT.

INTERPORT CRICKET.

An interport practice match was played to-day, when Mr. Elborough's team and Mr. Hancock's team were in opposition. Both sides were strongly represented, the following being the teams:—

Mr. Hancock's team:—R. Hancock, H. Hancock, Lt.-Col. Hamilton, Capt. G. E. Garnett, C. T. Hosi, R. J. Saunders, Capt. Clapham, R.A., H. R. Makin, A. A. Claxton, A. R. Lowe, A. R. Sutherland, H. R. Phelps.

Mr. Elborough's team:—A. O. R. Elborough, T. E. Pearce, G. A. Cooke, R.N., Rev. S. W. Payne, R. E. O. Bird, Capt. G. H. Addison, R.E., Lt. Bagnall, R.A., D. E. Donnelly, Lt. Williams, A.S.C., Corpl. Dempsey, K.O.Y.L.I., Corpl. Taverner. Mr. Hancock's side occupied the crease first.

The game was played under ideal conditions on a very good wicket. Scoring, however, opened very slowly and Lieut.-Col. Hamilton was the first wicket to fall, he being neatly caught by T. E. Pearce off Corpl. Taverner's bowling for a total of 2.

Capt. Clapham, who opened with Lt. Col. Hamilton, made a stand to commence with, but received little support from A. A. Claxton, who was caught after making the same score as his predecessor, the score then reading 20, 2, 2. However he was ably seconded by G. T. Hosi, and together they carried the score to 48, before the succumbed to the first ball of Donnelly, who soon afterwards, having contributed a useful 14, receiving his quietus from a good length ball from Payne.

At 69 the fifth wicket fell, Makin being caught by Taverner off Payne for four runs. The two Hancocks then monopolized the game and getting set carried the score from 69 to 100 in a very short time, both playing a good game.

Six runs after the century R. Hancock put up a catch to the bowler, Taverner, and had to retire with 32 to his credit. H. Hancock was not long in following, for, at 120, he fell to a ball from Dempsey, being responsible for 30. Without any addition to the score Saunders was dismissed by Taverner for a single run.

The innings was brought to a close by the fall of Sutherland's wicket for no score, Phelps not batting.

The following were the scores:—  
MR. HANCOCK'S TEAM.

Lt.-Col. Hamilton c. Pearce	2
b. Taverner	2
Capt. Clapham b. Donnelly	28
A. A. Claxton c. sub. b. Taverner	2
G. T. Hosi b. Payne	14
H. R. Makin c. Taverner b. Payne	4
R. Hancock c. b. Taverner	32
H. Hancock b. Dempsey	30
R. J. Saunders b. Taverner	1
A. R. Lowe not out	0
A. R. Sutherland c. Donnelly	0
b. Taverner	0
Extras	7

Total ..... 120

## COMMERCIAL.

### HONGKONG SHARES.

Messrs E. S. Kadoorie & Co. state:—The improvement in business reported last week has not been maintained, the market being in an utterly stagnant condition, notwithstanding no doubt by the dislocation of trade occasioned by the abortive revolution in Canton.

Rubber.—The price of Para is to-day 5s. 2d. and shares generally have weakened, in sympathy, the latest quotations from London being on a lower level. Singapore market continues inactive in rubber, although a large business has been transacted in tin shares, notably Kronos, which have rapidly advanced.



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## LOOKING THE ASIA.

In this case, therefore, Britain  
has two just grounds for complaint  
against the Chinese Government.  
First, the failure of the authorities  
to properly police the coast ren-  
dered looting possible before the  
arrival of a repressive force. Se-  
condly, when the Chinese gun-  
boats did appear, no steps were  
taken, nor have any since been  
taken, so far as we know, to  
bring the piratical horde to  
justice. Bearing in mind the  
precious freights of humanity and  
cargo which British and other  
steamers are continuously carrying  
up and down the China coast,  
shortcomings such as these cannot  
be overlooked, and we sincerely  
hope that China will be brought  
to a keen sense of her responsi-  
bilities in such occurrences as  
these. If she cannot of herself  
see to the efficient policing of her  
coasts—and it is fairly obvious  
that she cannot—then the sooner  
the interested European Powers  
combine to work out a scheme  
which will relieve her of the task  
the better for the security of for-  
eign life and property afloat in  
Chinese waters.

Daily Press.

THE CORONATION  
CELEBRATIONS.

In accordance with previous  
practice in Hongkong, it is intend-  
ed here to raise the money required  
by voluntary subscription, the  
Government being expected to  
meet the cost only of illuminat-  
ing certain public buildings,  
which on the last occasion  
amounted to about \$3,000. That  
amount will probably be exceeded  
on the present occasion, for we  
have added to the public  
buildings of the Colony since than  
the new Post Office and  
the new Law Courts, which,  
though not yet ready for occupa-  
tion, must necessarily figure pro-  
minently in the Government's  
scheme of illuminations. There  
are, of course, obvious objections  
to defraying the whole cost of the  
celebrations out of the public  
revenue; the chief, we suppose,  
being that we are a cosmopolitan  
community and it may seem un-  
fair to residents of other nation-  
ality than British that they should  
be obliged to pay for a celebra-  
tion that is essentially British;  
though it is one in which  
all are cordially invited to partici-  
pate. But the communities in  
the other British Crown Colonies  
are no less cosmopolitan than they  
are here, and we do not suppose  
that a charge of \$50,000 on the  
public revenue for the Coronation  
celebrations would excite opposi-  
tion here any more than it has in  
the Straits Settlements, where we  
find a contemporary facetiously  
saying, in another connection,  
that "there are said to be no  
Englishmen in Singapore, which  
is believed to be composed of  
Germans and Scots."

South China Morning Post.

THE CORONATION IN  
HONGKONG.

Hongkong lends itself admir-  
ably to such a scheme as has been  
mapped out by the Coronation  
Committee. Its beautiful har-  
bour and the terraced slopes of  
the city, judging by previous  
illuminations on similar though  
more modest lines, will present  
such a truly charming spectacle  
as to amply repay the effort. It  
is universally desired throughout  
the colony that the celebration  
in honour of His Majesty King  
George, although deprived of a  
lasting monument in time and  
stone, shall go down to posterity  
as a landmark in local history.  
With an energetic and enthusias-  
tic committee at the head of the  
movement, and the whole-hearted  
support of the entire community,  
both Chinese and foreign, there is  
no reason why this object should  
not be achieved, or why Hong-  
kong should not show to the world  
as represented within its borders  
during Coronation week that it  
is a colony which is not only  
loyal to the Crown, but also  
civilized.



## A SHORT SERMON.

## CONSECRATING EVERY DAY.

Ps. 74: 10. "The day is thine." In this Psalm the author's thought is that God presides over his creation. The plunging of the day and night, and of the seasons is due to God's continued working. So these are recognized as being under God's sovereign control. This is why he can say "The day is thine." It is God's because he made it, and sustains it.

When we think about it there is a deeper sense in which the day belongs to God. If he made it and it is his, he has the right to direct how it should be used. To use it thus is to recognize his claim upon it. To use it as our selfishness prompts is to claim it for our own sordid ends. God appointed the day for divine ends—to use the day with this in view is to consecrate it. This in turn means no less than to acknowledge the day as God's very possession; to surrender all of its varied incidents to his sovereign control.

How few regard the day in this way. Too frequently we use it without reference to God. It is a secular day to us, not a God-given or sacred day. We think of it only as it ministers to our material desires. It is a day which brings to us certain pleasures or certain financial gains. So we go out in the morning light to drink the cup of life's pleasures or to engage in the pursuit of material gain. But there is nothing in these inconsistent with consecrating the day. God made the rivers of pleasure to enliven every day, and he fashioned us for their enjoyment. He also fashioned us for toil in the world of hunger and harvest. If he made the joys and the avocations of life, why do they not also belong to him? And why should they not be consecrated to him? The evil consists not in the possession of these things but in their wrong use. God intended that the day should be filled with joy and comfort. He never planned for us to be melancholy or without things needful all the day. If he gave these things through a gracious providence, certainly they are his and should be used in his interests.

If the day is God's then the pleasures and the gains of life are to be used as they minister to the needs of his kingdom. This means to choose only those pleasures which are consistent with godly living; and to recognize all pleasure as recruiting us for spiritual service. It means to labour to multiply our fortunes with the view of more magnanimously serving God in the world. How few think of their wealth in this way. With increase of fortune they build finer houses, multiply luxuries, and indulge in more costly pleasures. This is the same as saying that the day is theirs and that every advantage which it has brought to them is theirs and not God's. This is wrong; for no day is ours to be selfishly used. It belongs to God, who gave it. He alone has the right to say how it should be used. To use it other than he commands is to use it sinfully.

God also appointed the day with the precious moments, its strategic opportunities and its coveted privileges. These also are his and should be used in his interests. What use are we making of our moments? If we squander them in idleness we do not use them divinely. God never intended that the appointed means for improvement each day should be ignored and wasted. These were given to qualify us for service. If this is true we are obligated to watch for opportunities each day whereby we may better serve our generation. If we watch for them we shall find the opportunities more numerous than we might at first imagine. Each passing day is pregnant with opportunities to help the fallen, to encourage the weak, visit the sick, to solace the dying. And what shall we say of God-given privileges? The day is freighted with them. Life has been given with its freedom of choice, and its gift of faith. These imply privileges beyond computation. But they belong to God who gave them. Each day is to be a day of faith, a day of trust in God's providential care. Each day is to be a day of choices consistent with God's commands.

The day, then, is God's because he has given it with all it contains. Our religion is a matter of living truly every day. It is as Josiah Strong has said in his capital little book entitled, "My Religion in Every-day Life," "Religion can never include our whole lives until our daily work is a part of our religion, because the every-day work of a man is and ought to be the greater part of his life." No man can truly say to God, "The day is thine," unless he consecrates all his daily tasks to divine interests and makes them to contribute to the spiritual values of his life. Charles Wesley had the right point of view when he wrote—

"Our residue of days and hours  
Thine, wholly thine, shall be;  
And all our consecrated powers  
A sacrifice to thee."

## THE REVIEWER'S TABLE.

## THE HEATHEN CHINEE.

Mr. Putnam Weale ought, by all the arguments from previous achievement, to be able to write a first-class novel. His special correspondence from China has been brilliant, and his fiction hitherto has been capable and powerful. He always writes with knowledge, and he generally adds to it a gift for long views. "The Unknown God" is his best work. It is a novel both of ideas and of characters. The characters are those of a mission station in a trading settlement in China. The translation of petty affairs into typical situations is admirable. One realizes, in a flash, a condition of European society very like that of Anglo-Indian circles, but infinitely more precarious. The hero is a young and fairly well-to-do English missionary: the villain, so far as there is a villain, the local American commissioner, who has read too widely to have much belief in missions: the heroine an American mission girl who cannot return home because she has no home and no hope to go to. There are many memorable side-lights on the position of the European in China, as well as on the future and present of Christian missions. The book is very suggestive, as well as intrinsically interesting. It is opportune in appearing at a time when some attention is being directed to Chinese missions.

## THROUGH CHINESE CENTRAL ASIA.

Lieut. Etherton is the latest Anglo-Indian officer to make his period of leave subserve the useful purpose of exploring some of the lesser known parts of the Asiatic continent, and he has done a good piece of political work in this account of his trip "Across the Roof of the World" (Constable, 10s.). Accompanied by a Gorkha orderly from his own regiment, the Garhwal Rifles, a corps of picked hillmen, Lieut. Etherton traversed Kashgaria, the portion of the New Dominion lying east of Kuldja, a considerable part of Mongolia, and after a journey of 4,000 miles, occupying the period of one year, regained European civilization on the Trans-Siberian Railway. The author's main purpose was sport, and there is much in the volume, which is copiously illustrated, about it. But the chief interest of the work lies in his account of the Chinese, and their relations with the Mohammedan tribes and races of Turkestan. Lieut. Etherton is the latest authority on a subject which a Russian occupation of Kuldja would make one of the topics of the day. His opinion seems to be more favourable to the efficiency of Chinese rule than the one generally held, and if there is no great visible military power in the New Dominion, the natural difficulties offered by a barren and scantily populated region, vast forests covering formidable mountain ranges, and the extraordinary variations in climate and temperature would alone render any invasion extremely difficult and any regular occupation of the country exceedingly unprofitable. Lieut. Etherton writes quite pleasantly, and among recent books of travel his volume deserves a high place.

## AMERICAN NEWS.

[Via Manila.]

Washington, May 1.—Representative John N. Garner, from Texas, has introduced in the House of Representatives a bill urging the President of the United States to consider the subject of the conclusion of a treaty with the European Powers and Japan providing the neutralization of the Philippines and the establishment of an independent Government in said islands, under the protection of all the signatory Powers. The above mentioned bill has been referred to the committee on foreign affairs of the House.

Washington, May 1.—A recurrence of the anti-American feeling which several weeks ago threatened to involve the United States in a serious diplomatic crisis with Mexico has been again evidenced in several parts of the southern republic since the warring factions of the country have been discussing terms of peace, and demonstrations against Americans are again becoming popular. To anticipate any serious complication, the State Department has addressed a note to the Mexican government calling attention to conditions in certain sections of the country which are considered inimical to American interests, and strictly charging Mexico to take the necessary steps to properly safeguard American citizens.

Washington, May 2.—Bangor, Maine, was visited by a terrible fire to-day in which three men lost their lives and property to the value of \$50,000 was destroyed. The entire downtown business district was devastated, and a part of the fashionable residential district destroyed. A relief organization has been formed to afford aid to the needy, and the citizens are already planning to restore their homes and businesses.

Washington, May 2.—The Mexican revolution is ended, and as the price of peace, with it ends the political careers of President Diaz and Minister of Finance Limantour, retirement of these officials having again been made a part of the demands of the revolutionist leaders in the negotiations which they began several days ago at Chihuahua. Within an hour that news of peace was received here comes further reports of anti-American demonstrations in Mexico, which may cause the troops now on the border to remain in camp until the new administration gets matters well enough in hand to insure the safety of American residents and interests.

## CHINA'S NEW OPEN PORT.

## HEUNGCHOW AND ITS PROSPECTS.

[THE "TELEGRAPH" CORRESPONDENT.] Canton, May 5. On the 1st of May, the celebrations in honour of Heungchow being declared a free port were successfully carried out on a grand scale. A number of foreign and Chinese visitors went over to witness the ceremonies. The display of the Chinese ensign was very prominent, and crackers were freely let off. The Customs stationed in the place put up a board informing the public that Heungchow had been declared a free port, and salutes were then fired.

A European has let five shops on the north side of the port preparatory for the manufacture of boots and shoes.

It is reported that the European intends to acquire several places for the accommodation of his workmen.

## OUR DIARY.

Saturday, 6th May.  
Bijou Scenic Theatre, 9.15 p.m.  
Empire Cinematograph, 9.15 p.m.

Wednesday, 10th May.  
Entries close for Second Gymkhana Meeting.

Thursday, 11th May.  
Annual general Meeting of the Hongkong Horticultural Society, 5.15 p.m.

Saturday, 20th May.  
Second Gymkhana Meeting, 3.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 24th May.  
Boys' Own Club Athletic Meeting, on the Race Course, 2.30 p.m.  
Empire Day.

## Intimations.

## DONE BY TRYING.

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Hongkong, 19th March, 1909. [41]

## Public Companies.

## THE CHINESE ENGINEERING AND MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Limited, will be held at Winchester House, Hall No. 174, Old Broad Street, in the City of London, on WEDNESDAY, 14th 17th day of May, 1911, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing a Resolution authorizing the Directors to borrow or raise such further sums of money as they may think fit, but so that the amount borrowed or raised by the Company and then outstanding shall not exceed three-fourths of the issued capital of the Company. Dated this 31st day of March, 1911.  
By order of the Board,  
ALFRED W. BERRY,  
Secretary.

28 Austin Friars,  
London, E. C.  
A limited number of the Circular letter to Shareholders is in the hands of the Agent and can be had on Application.

THE CHINESE ENGINEERING AND MINING CO., LD.  
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J. S. DOBIE,  
Agent.  
Hongkong, 1st May, 1911. [1008]

## THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the National Bank of China, Limited, will be held at St. George's Building, Canton Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the Twenty-fourth day of June, 1911, at 12.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, passing as Extraordinary Resolutions, the following Resolutions, that is to say:—

(1) That the Company be wound-up voluntarily, and that Arthur Rylands Lowe, Chartered Accountant, of Thorner's Chambers, Fenchurch Street, London, E.C. and St. George's Building, Hongkong, be and he is hereby appointed Liquidator for the purpose of such winding-up.

(2) That the Liquidator be authorized to pay out of the funds of the Company a sum not exceeding \$100,000, as compensation to members of the Company's staff.

Should the above Resolutions be passed by the requisite majority, they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions to a Second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.  
Dated Fifteenth day of March, 1911.  
By order of the Board,  
J. SCOTT HARSTON,  
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	( " ).....Lv.	5.25	"	"
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Hongkong, 7th July, 1910. [28]

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MAY 6, 1911.

PROTECTION FROM  
OURSELVES.

The accident-fund scheme introduced by Mr. Lloyd George in the House of Commons, referred to yesterday in our telegrams, is one that ethically will appeal to all shades of political opinion. It is, in fact, an excellent method of making us moral by legislation and giving us the various comforts that morality brings in its train. We can imagine the horny-handed son of toil in England solacing his thirsty soul with the thought that the two pints of beer a week, which his forfeited fourpence under the act represents, will return to him a hundred fold in the days when he is no longer "in work" earning the wherewithal for the necessary pot of "four ale." But with the meagre information at our disposal as to the proposed workings of this State accident fund we are not able to see how it is to be worked. An Englishman's home, we are told, is his castle; and we are quite sure that an Englishman's salary, income, or wage is his to do with as he will. We fear greatly that Mr. Lloyd George,

like many previous righters of the world's wrongs, insists on ignoring the human factor. We cannot say that we have any deep or abiding knowledge of the English working class in its native haunts; but we are quite convinced that this extremely Utopian measure will leave it cold, if not indignant. We can, indeed, picture in our mind's eye a burly navy being deprived of his weekly four pence by the charitable lieutenants of Mr. Lloyd George, and we can almost hear the wails of his badly paid and badly supported wife when she has to give up three pence out of the inadequate "house money." The navy we are quite sure would make remarks about Mr. Lloyd George, most hurtful to that generous gentleman's charitable aspirations, while his wife would hear more often than before the cry of her hungry children.

Mr. Lloyd George's invalidity, sickness, and unemployment insurance scheme is, in fact, only one more example of the high falutin' impracticability of socialist legislation. To the heavily paid politician living luxuriantly in Downing street the miserable sum of fourpence a week is almost too small for him to consider; but four pence to the poor has a purchasing power that gives them as satisfactory a dinner as Mr. Lloyd George would obtain at the Ritz for a couple of guineas, and we dare to say that the socialist himself will be one of the first to oppose this "compelling" of the poor to provide for themselves accident insurance and old age pensions.

To the average man out in the East, or in the Colonies, who stands or falls on his merits, who rises or goes under according as he is or is not worthy, this well-nursing of the individual is rather a piteous spectacle. It is this because, in the first place, it presupposes him incapable of taking care of himself, and secondly, because it exposes government to the attack of the people. It is to us inconceivable that the poorer classes, to benefit whom the new insurance scheme is primarily intended, will submit to be mulcted of even the smallest fraction of their small wages. Were we in their position we would be equally disinclined. Neither Mr. Lloyd George, nor Mr. Asquith, nor Mr. Balfour, nor any other politician or political economist, great or small, will ever succeed in removing from this world the human element, and while that remains, morality or luxury for all by legislation is an impossibility.

## THE VETO BILL.

If Simon de Montfort could walk into Westminster Hall today he would weep tears of blood over the manner in which the constitution, primarily set up by him, is being tinkered by the present agglomeration of various shades of political thought composing the majority in the House of Commons. Another great breach has been made in this wonderful structure by the passing of the second clause in the Veto Bill. True, it may be, that it has been passed by an automatic majority, true that discussion has been gagged, yet the fact remains that a body of supposedly sober-minded wisacres have taken the first step towards the spoliation of British Parliamentary usage.

The first clause of the Bill was the direct outcome of the rejection of the 1909 Budget by the Upper House. It was natural that the enthusiastic body of social reformers, dominating the Cabinet should resent this "wild and perverse obstruction" of the furtherance of their pet

schemes at the expense of certain sections of the tax paying community. But the principle of the clause was the audacious one that the Lower House should hold the purse strings and have absolute control of the finances of the nation and that the House of Lords should be placed in such a position that if it agreed with the proposals of the Commons, well and good, but if they did not, it really did not matter. The Lords by Clause 1 are confined to acquiescence as far as finance is concerned. This, alone, is bad enough, but clause two is worse. It is a direct negation to all doctrine previously accepted by the political economist and is a contradiction of the precedent of centuries. The clause in question provides that after a bill, passed by the Commons, has been before the Lords for three separate sessions, whether they consent or not the measure may become an Act of Parliament on receipt of the King's sanction. In other words, conditional upon the duration of the Government introducing it, any bill passed by the Commons must automatically become law after a minimum period of three years has elapsed. Supposing the Lords assent to the Veto Bill, an anomalous position is at once created. A Government that lasts for five years will see all its measures passed in the first two years, become law solely by virtue of a majority in the Lower House, got together, possibly, by wild and engineering methods. A party, put in power by the Non-conformist conscience, could disestablish the Churches of England and Wales by the mere passage of time. A few speeches, a clever use of the closure, and a superabundance of audacity could carry any bill into being under such a system. Debate would be at a discount, criticism a thing of the past, and the business of the country would be transacted with machine-like precision, to the accompaniment of the party whip. While no one wishes to see the power of the Commons subservient to that of the Lords, yet everyone must doubt the advisability of placing so much power in such a body as the House of Commons. Roughly speaking, it is an irresponsible body. The majority of its members are merely bound by election promises of the pie-crust order, and the very fact that the party whip has so much power is an indication that duty to party first, and country second is of paramount importance. There is another standpoint from which the Veto Bill may be considered. Supposing the Bill became law, it is admitted that the House of Lords becomes powerless, a mere figurehead. If that be so any future attempt to reform the Upper Chamber must be abortive if the Bill continues in force, for the nation would have a reformed House, carefully rendered useless by previous legislation. This must have been seen by the framers of the Bill, and the indictment must follow that the measure is merely of a temporary nature, brought into being to secure the passing of proposals which have time and time again received the country's vigorous disapproval. It amounts to an attempt to subvert the national constitution to the ends of one small party, which by the swing of the pendulum has been placed in a dictatorial position. The Liberals are in a secondary position, the Irish party are "dictators," and to fulfil their boasts, constitution, precedent and the nation's wishes have to be swept aside like dust on a windy day.

HONGKONG DAY  
BY DAY.

The Haldi is out of dock.

A list of ambulances and dead vans is published in the "Gazette" this week.

It is notified that the Court mourning for His late Majesty King Edward VII will terminate at midnight.

The St. Albans arrived in Manila from Melbourne in 33 days. She had one passenger on board.

The collections at St. John's Cathedral to-morrow will be in aid of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Li Hon Chi appeared Friday morning to answer a charge of printing seditious literature and was remanded; bail being allowed and fixed at \$5,000.

At 6.30 a.m. in Hollywood Road, near the Chinese Recreation Ground, a small girl was attacked by two men. They snatched her gold bangle.

Royal salutes were fired and the warships in the harbour "dressed" in honour of the anniversary of the ascension of King George to the Throne.

Major A. O. Ralph of the 8th Rajputs will be in charge of the Visitor Detention Barrack for the ensuing week; Captain G. E. Garnett, R.G.A., officer of the 8th Rajputs, will furnish Night Guard at Kowloon Military Hospital.

It is notified that ships conveying Chinese passengers, under the provisions of the Chinese Emigration Ordinance, 1880, will not be allowed to carry them on the upper or weather deck, between the 1st of June and the 15th October inclusive.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Arthur George Murelson Fletcher to act as Assessor of Rates, in addition to his other duties, during the absence on leave of Arthur Chapman, V.D., or until further notice, with effect from this date.

The ground around the new General Post Office, which for years has been fenced in, is now being cleared ready for the opening of the fine structure next month. The matcheds, which were eyesores on the Praya, are gratified to see, are also vanishing.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed, under Section 7 of the Public Health and Buildings Amendment Ordinance, 1903, (Ordinance No. 23 of 1903), Police Sergeant George Sim to be a Sanitary Inspector for Aberdeen, vice Inspector Alfred George Dymond, with effect from this date.

The consignment of 3,600 tins Chinese lard, which was held up by the Customs authorities, Manila, pending the settlement of certain irregularities in the certificate of inspection covering the shipment, has been released by Acting Collector of Customs Stanley, the certificates having been since properly viced by the United States consul general and certified to by authorized inspectors in Hongkong.

His Excellency the Governor-in-Council has given directions for the recession of Proclamation No. 2 of the 2nd of February declaring Chefoo, Chin-wang-tao, Dalny and Newchwang, and of Proclamation No. 3 of the 1st March declaring Taku and Tientsin, to be ports or places at which an infectious or contagious disease prevails.

The meteorological observations made at the Hongkong Observatory during the month of April showed the maximum temperature to be 86.9 on the 26th. The greatest fall of rain recorded was on the 12th, with 2.100 inches. The wind reached a velocity of 26.3 miles per hour on the same date, which was the highest for the month. On the 22nd the sun shone for 11.3 hours with 11 hours on the 26th, the two most brilliant days in the month.

Messrs. W. B. Rigden and W. A. T. Bullock have joined the Volunteers.

A Crown land sale will take place at the Public Works Department on Monday, the 15th inst.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board is to be held on Tuesday, when a number of minor matters will be brought up for discussion.

Sergt. E. M. Hayward has resigned from the Volunteers and Corporal O. H. Blason, of the Scouts Company, has been promoted to the rank of sergeant.

The King's Exequatur empowering Mr. Johan Erik Evald Hultman to act as Swedish Consul-General for Hongkong has received His Majesty's signature.

Mr. Henry Dallas' company "The Pollicies," will pay a return visit to Hongkong on Friday and Saturday, the 12th and 13th inst. They will play at the Theatre Royal, and bumper houses are expected.

The following promotions in the native army have been made: 120th Baluchistan Infantry Havildars Ali Panah and Id Muhammad to be Jomadars, supernumerary to the establishment, consequent on the regiment proceeding on Colonial Service, with effect from March 24th, 1911.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed the Honourable Mr. Henry Edward Pollock, K.C., provisionally and subject to His Majesty's pleasure, to be an Unofficial Member of the Executive Council during the absence on leave of the Honourable Sir Cathick Paul Chater, Kt., C.M.G., or until further notice, with effect from this date.

The Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company are constructing a new and substantial wharf, for the Star Ferry Company, on the Hongkong side of the harbour. Steel piles are now being driven in, some of them being over 60 ft. long. It will no doubt be a fine structure, and a credit to both companies.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Charles Henderson Ross, provisionally and subject to His Majesty's pleasure, to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council during the absence on leave of the Honourable Mr. Henry Keswick or until further notice, with effect from this date.

It is notified that His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to appoint, under the provisions of Section 8 of the Public Holidays Ordinance, 1875, (Ordinance No. 2 of 1875), Thursday and Friday, the 22nd and 23rd days of June, 1911, to be observed as public holidays. His Excellency the Governor has appointed Saturday, the 24th June, 1911, to be observed as a Government holiday.

## LAWN TENNIS.

Further games of tennis were played on the Cricket ground in connection with the Hongkong Cricket Club tournament, and resulted as follows:

Event "A" Championship.  
Lieut. Day, K.O.Y.L.L. beat S. E. Green, 6-4; 6-2; 6-2.

Event "B" Single Handicap.  
A. Class.  
P. H. Klimanok (owes 30.4) beat R. J. Saunders (owes 30), 7-9; 6-3; 6-2.

All final matches must be completed on or before Friday, 12th May.

## BILLIARDS.

## Y.M.C.A. TOURNAMENT.

The following are results of games played, at the Y.M.C.A. in connection with their tournament.

"A" Class. W. L. M. Grant (scratch) beat M. W. Bishop (-120), 250-142.

B. Class; W. Anderson (Scratch) beat S. Hore (-175); 250-186.

W. Smart, (1100) beat W. J. Troakes (-140); 250-154.

The South African Senate Committee advocates laws to enable settlers to acquire farms, &c.

## THE CANTON REVOLT.

It would be not only premature but foolish to congratulate ourselves and the Kwangtung authorities on the "blanketing" of the Canton revolt, despite the fact that from various parts of the province comes the information that "All is quiet." A careful study of the numerous telegrams and news items which the "Telegraph" has been enabled to put before its readers will suggest to most persons conversant with the characteristics of a Chinese rebellion that the present quietude is that of the calm before the storm. We are in a position to say that not only the Canton officials but also the officials of this Colony are far from satisfied that the rebellion has been scotched; that it is, in fact, more pregnant an entity than it was a few hours after the premature outbreak in the City of Rams. As we said in this column on Wednesday, we regard the outbreak as a useless attempt to upset existing conditions; but its inability to accomplish its object does not in the least detract from its capacity for harm. The news of the outbreak which the "Telegraph" has published has been most carefully sifted with a view to avoiding anything like sensationalism; nevertheless we cannot close our eyes to the fact that if the overwhelming forces of the Imperial Government have imposed peace, or semi-peace, on Canton, the propaganda, in its most active form, of the revolutionaries is spreading to the more northern coast towns. Fully realising what a general rising would mean to South China, we are constrained to give it as our opinion that both Kwangtung and Fukien are riddled with anti-dynastic feelings and that these are more than likely to spread to adjoining provinces. We have taken some pains to arrive at the opinions of the leading Chinese residents of Hongkong, and these confirm us in our belief that the revolt is far from having been extinguished. Our own telegrams give news of disturbances over wide areas and in other ways suggest that the smouldering anti-Manchu propaganda is ready to flame forth at any moment between here and Amoy and even farther north.

Although we believe that it would be foolish to be optimistic over the present situation, we have learned from it at least one satisfactory fact. The Kwangtung Government has shown itself capable and courageous in handling the rebellion, and if it has not, as we believe, entirely succeeded in destroying it, the failure must not be put to its account, but must be simply explained by the fact that the south is rotten with rebellion. That the strong hand of the authorities has been felt by the revolutionaries is clearly proved by the threats against Admiral Li, who from the first has done his Emperor yeoman service. He has inspired respect and fear among his opponents, and not only for his own sake, but also for the sake of peace, we trust he will escape the dangers which surround him. He is too good a man to be lost at this critical juncture, for although we believe that the revolution is a flash in the pan it would be foolish to suppose that it does not contain the germ of a rising that would shake China from the Great Wall to the southernmost corner of Kwangtung.

Leave of absence, to the United Kingdom, has been granted to 2nd Lieutenant G. de Hoghton, 1st Bn. K.O.Y.L.L. from 27th May, 1911, to 27th February, 1912.

## THE PRINTERS' GUILD.

The printers' guild of Hongkong is composed entirely of Chinese, embracing nearly all the printers and compositors in Hongkong.

The guild is about to form itself into a Company, and will issue to its members shares at \$5 each. They will, as soon as sufficient money can be raised, establish themselves in the printing and bookbinding business, purchasing their machinery and type from Japan.

There will be twenty-four names on the Board of Directors, or Committee as they will style themselves. The company will be run by the members of this Committee, who will, at short intervals, retire in rotation to give place to others, anxious to step in and govern the body.

A member out of work will be paid half wages during the period of his idleness, or will be given employment by the company.

This new venture it is hoped will so strengthen the hands of the guild that they will be able to dictate terms to all employers, other than Chinese, and even to Chinese who are not interested in their guild.

This is a free advertisement.

## SUNDAY TRADING.

MR. CHURCHILL HOPES TO PREVENT IT SPREADING.

Mr. Winston Churchill received at the Home Office recently a deputation from the Imperial Sunday Alliance, the Free Church Council, and the Federation of Welsh Churches, who desired to make representations to him on the subject of the Shop Hours Bill as it affects Sunday trading. Sir John Kennaway, M.P., introduced the deputation, and among those composing it were the Bishop of London, Monsignor Butt, (representing the Archbishop of Westminster), Lord Kinnaird, Lord Haddo, the Rev. J. Scott Lidgett, and the Rev. F. B. Meyer. Mr. Churchill, in reply, said the evil of Sunday trading was a grave and growing one, and under the present law there was no effective means of checking it. He was not attempting in the bill to deal with the general habits of people on Sunday, or to bring about the Sunday closing of public houses, theatres, or cinematograph shows, but he did seek to arrest the further extension of the evil of Sunday trading. In framing the bill he had sought not to overturn vested interests which had grown up, and therefore he had to make certain exceptions. The difficulty with which he was confronted was that custom and practice varied so much in different parts of the country, that exceptions which were necessary to prevent injustice in one part of the country would have the effect of giving licence to new exceptions in other places. For instance, Sunday markets had grown up in London, and he could not, by ukase from Whitehall, deprive people of an essential part of their livelihood. What he could do was to prevent new areas being created. To take another instance, he believed the majority of hairdressers were in favour of Sunday closing, but in some districts hairdressers did a large part of their business on that day. Then, too, in the case of motorists and cyclists, there must be places open for repairs.

SUNDAY NEWSPAPERS.  
He had been urged to restrict the sale of Sunday newspapers, but that raised serious questions. Sunday newspapers had come into existence, and were great organizations. If they were suddenly prohibited from selling on Sundays the effect would be to ruin enormous businesses, and he could not contemplate that for a moment. He would sooner leave Parliament than make himself responsible for that. He hoped the deputation would consider what they got by this bill as well as the respects in which it fell short of their desires.

The Inter-Parliamentary Conference in October will discuss limitation of armaments, arbitration, prohibition of aerial warfare, &c.



## SUPREME COURT.

## CLAIMS BY INDIAN WATCHMEN.

## CAN AN INFANT BE SUED?

Before Mr. Justice F. A. Hazell, Acting Puisne Judge, at the Court of Summary Jurisdiction this morning, Shudda Singh and Hurnam Singh, watchmen, sued A. F. Baptista to recover the sums of \$380 and \$180, respectively, due under promissory notes dated the 8th December, 1910, and the 10th November, 1910. Mr. M. Reader Harris, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for both the plaintiffs, while the defendant was represented by Mr. A. G. Jackson, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master.

The first plaintiff was called in to the box and proved his claim. Mr. Jackson—How much did you lend?

Witness—\$380.

You ask us to believe that that amount does not include interest?—No, it does not. There was a verbal agreement for interest at 5 per cent. per month.

Did the defendant sign the document as guarantor?—He said "Rosario is my friend and I want to stand guarantor to him."

Where was the document signed?—Outside the gate of the tram station.

Did Rosario pay you any interest?—No.

None whatever?—No.

Did you know the age of the defendant?—No.

Rosario?—No.

Mr. Harris said his friend evidently intended to plead infancy. He did not know whether his Lordship would be against him or not on that point.

His Lordship—I don't know. He may be 100. It's a question whether you are prepared to admit his age?

Mr. Harris—No, I'm not.

Defendant said he was employed in Messrs. Vieira and Company and drew a salary of \$35 a month. He lived with his father and paid him \$25 a month for board. The balance of \$10 went to pay for his clothes. He was 19 years old. He signed the document at the door of H. Price and Company. Only \$200 was handed to him.

His Lordship—And you signed \$380?—Yes.

Mr. Jackson—Was the money handed direct to you? In your hand?—Yes.

Was Rosario present?—Yes.

What did you do with the money?—I handed it to Rosario. In the plaintiff's presence?—Yes.

What was the first intimation you had of this loan?—Rosario spoke to me about it. He came to me several times and asked me to stand guarantor to him.

His Lordship—Did you notice the wording of the document? You promise to pay on demand jointly and severally?—Yes, I wrote it out. Rosario dictated to me.

Was this the first time you signed a promissory note?—I can't remember. I think I signed once before.

His Lordship—You say this was not your first experience. When did you sign a promissory note before?—In September for \$100. Has that been paid off?—Yes.

Mr. Harris—Was the \$100 handed to you?—I received \$20.

His Lordship—Was \$100 actually paid?—There were four of us and we each got \$20.

You borrowed \$80?—Yes.

Mr. Harris—Then if that is so, why did you sign for \$380 when you received \$200 only in this case as you say?—That's the usual practice.

What you say now doesn't quite agree with what you said a few moments before. You ought to have signed for \$155 at that rate. I took \$100 and signed for \$150.

Then what you said about borrowing \$80 and signing for \$100 is all wrong?—We each got \$22 and something.

Why not speak the truth straightaway and say you borrowed \$80 and signed \$100?—I got \$20. He gave us \$90.

Oh, now it is \$90!

At this point, defendant seemed bewildered and confused and let off a string of incoherent statements.

How long have you been in your present employ?—Two years.

On what salary did you start?—\$20.

When you signed the promissory note, did plaintiff ask you what your salary was?—No.

You signed first and then Rosario?—Yes.

That's the usual practice when a person stands guarantor?—Yes.

Now you signed this document promising to pay \$35 a month and only ten days before you had signed one for \$20 a month, making \$55 a month. Why did you do that?—Because I know Rosario was drawing \$85 a month from the Dutch Bank.

How old are you?—Nineteen.

How do you know?—Because I was born in 1891.

How do you know?—I heard from my mother.

So it's merely hearsay?—Yes.

His Lordship at this stage said he did not know what the practice was regarding the question of infancy.

Mr. Harris—It must be strictly proved by calling either the father or mother.

His Lordship (To the defendant)—How do you know you are 19?—I saw it on my birth certificate.

Mr. Harris—So you only know it from what you have seen of it?

His Lordship—But the birth certificate is conclusive evidence?

Mr. Harris—Every defence must be proved.

His Lordship (To defendant)—Can you produce the certificate?—I think I can.

You think you can! Is it at home?—I think so.

When did you last see it?—Five years ago (Laughter).

Did you ask your mother?—Yes.

When did you last ask her?—Within a day or two?—No.

Later, it transpired that defendant's father was employed in Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master's office. Mr. Jackson urged the father's evidence was admissible.

His Lordship—I'm afraid I cannot accept the father's statement.

Mr. Jackson dealt with the question of infancy. The Ordinance provided that no person should be precluded from suing or being sued by reason of his not having attained the age of 21 years. That Ordinance applied to Summary Jurisdiction in certain instances. It was entirely a matter of procedure.

His Lordship—How does it affect procedure?

Because in summary jurisdiction the question of infancy comes in.

You mean he must have a guardian and so on?—Yes.

Simply a matter of procedure?—Yes.

In conclusion, Mr. Jackson submitted that the mere statement of the defendant was sufficient for the purposes of that case.

His Lordship (to Mr. Harris)—Mr. Jackson is prepared to rest his case there.

Mr. Harris in reply said that the point had already been decided by the Full Court. The object of the Ordinance was quite clear. It applied to cases where there were trifling amounts not exceeding the sum of \$1,000. His friend was trying to stultify the Ordinance. The Ordinance stated that "No person shall be precluded from suing or being sued by reason of his not having attained the age of 21 years," etc. His friend contended that those persons could be exempted.

His Lordship reserved his decision.

## The Weather Forecast.

On the 6th at 11.55 a.m.—The barometer has risen in E. Japan, the depression having moved away over the Pacific.

Pressure is giving way over N. China owing to a depression which appears to be moving Eastwards over Manchuria.

The area of pressure remains over the Yangtze valley.

Moderate E. winds may be expected over the N. part of the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

## Forecast District.

1.—Hongkong and Neighbourhood, E. winds, moderate; misty; probably some rain.

2.—Formosa Channel, N.E. winds, moderate.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks, same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan, same as No. 1.

## A POINT IN LICENSING LAW.

## POLICE PROSECUTION FAILS.

Mr. E. R. Hallifax gave an interesting decision, this morning, at the Magistracy, on a point of licensing law, raised by Mr. Reader Harris on Tuesday. The case concerned a charge, brought against David Frohman, licensee of "The Land we Live In," of allowing a woman to serve in his bar on the 23rd ult.

Defendant pleaded not guilty and, police evidence was given showing that a watch had been kept on his house on the evening of the day in question. During a period of 1.1.4 hours, according to the police, a woman played the piano, and served a British sailor, an American sailor, and a civilian.

Mr. Harris called no witnesses, but raised a point of law. The position of the defendant, he said, was that he held a licence in Hongkong for the sale of liquors. That had been granted to him under the ordinance of 1895 as amended in 1909. It was granted for the payment of certain fees and under specific conditions. It was a contract between the government and his client, whereby so long as he fulfilled the conditions he should have power to carry on the business of a publican. The ordinance of 1911 had been passed in which additional conditions, which had not been set out in the original licence, had been imposed. His client under the licence had the voted right to carry on his business for a whole year under certain conditions, and there was no power in the legislature to impose other conditions unless it was provided that the ordinance was retrospective and the ordinance of 1911 was not. He submitted that under the existing licence a man had every right to employ a woman in the bar up to November 31st next despite the ordinance of 1911. It was an important right that a man should have a woman on the place, though she may not be a barmaid, to look after the Chinese, etc. Finally, if his client were to be proceeded against, it must be under the ordinance, under which the licence had been granted, and not under one passed since.

Mr. Hallifax adjourned the case till this morning, when he gave his decision.

He said:—"I think the point is quite good. Mr. Harris, I must discharge the defendant."

THE CUNNING CHINEE.

Mr. Frank Farnell, the chairman of the National Park Trustees, has brought under the notice of the Customs authorities evidence of what is evidently a very cunning dodge of the Chinese to import opium to this State, says the "Sydney Evening News."

One of the park rangers was walking on an ocean beach within the boundaries of the reserve, when he came upon what looked like a ping pong. He picked it up, and finding that it was made of white wax, placed it in his pocket.

Closer examination was made when he reached home, with the result that the wax ball was found to have two small sets of Chinese characters neatly upon it, one in red and one in gold. There was a seam, or joint, around the sphere, and it was found that it could be separated at this point, into two halves.

Inside was a perfectly round ball of opium, gilded, so as to appear like a toy marble. This marble weighed sufficient to represent about a guinea in value, at the present price of the drug. The wax shell containing it was less than an eighth of an inch in thickness, and through it at one point was a small stick, the object of which was to prevent the ball from rattling about, and so breaking the wax shell.

Apparently the Chinese throw these "eggs" overboard from passing steamers, and others of their countrymen, by pre-arrangement, pick them up after the vessel has passed, as they float in the ocean. A certain number would doubtless be lost, but the profit upon smuggled opium is so enormous that even if a great proportion of the eggs were lost there would still be considerable gain on the transaction.

## BEGGING AND GIVING.

The other day, a British magistrate placidly proposed, apparently in so many words, that not only beggars should be punished, but also anyone who gives to beggars. Legally, this may be stated in the following two judgments: (1) that every poor man may be presumed to be deceiving; (2) that every rich man may be presumed to be wilfully deceived. The first opinion, if not quite logically clear, is quite legally established. The second is new, and seems even slightly improbable. I wish I knew what that magistrate meant. Does he mean that it is a crime to give help where it is needed? Or does he mean that it is a crime to make a mistake about where it is needed? On either line of thought, I should enjoy watching him draft the Act of Parliament.

This is a moral matter, on which we must get our ideas clear; and I propose to clear my own ideas and yours, whether you like it or not. What is a beggar? A beggar is a man who asks help from another man solely in the name of something extraneous but common—as kinship or charity, the Fatherhood of God, or the brotherhood of man. He does not ask for the bread because he can at once give you the money, as in commerce. He does not ask for the bread because he will soon be able to pass you the mustard, as in Society. He asks you for the bread because you are supposed to be under an ancient law of pity, by which (as it is written) if a man ask you for bread you will not give him a stone. That is what a beggar is. He is a man who begs—that is, he is a man who asks, without any clear power of return, except the opportunity he offers you to fulfil your own ideals.

WHO IS A BEGGAR?

Thus, a man drowning in mid-ocean is a beggar; a man hailing wildly from a desert island is a beggar; a total stranger cast up on an alien coast (as any of us who like yachting might be any day) is a beggar. That is to say, any help extended to them must rest solely on the fact that they have the human form or the appearance of agony. It cannot possibly rest on any assumption that they will pay it back in service to the State. The man drowning in the sea might be Jack the Ripper. The man hailing from the desert island might be Peter the Painter. As for the man wrecked from the yacht—well, really, if you think of some of the people who go about in yachts, you will feel that Jack the Ripper and Peter the Painter are pillars of the commonwealth in comparison. Briefly, any person in any position, is a beggar who has nothing but thanks to give for a service.

It is unnecessary to say what we do to such people when they are poor—that is, when we are practically sure that they will never have anything to give but the thanks. We jail them like thieves. To anyone who really respects our modern law (if there is anyone who respects it), the phrase in the New Testament must sound strangely and even weirdly optimistic. The sacred text takes for granted that a common man, if asked for bread, will not give a stone. But when a man asks us for bread, we pelt him with stones. Nay, we do more than pelt him, we surround him with stones; we brick him in and bury him with stones.

When next you or I pass one of our great modern prisons, let us lift up our eyes to those polished, flat, interminable walls. Let us admit the calm enormity and the cold weight of those barred and cemented rocks. And then let us remember that many men must be sealed inside them simply because they asked for food. It has been the horrible felicity of some Scriptural prophecy. They asked for bread; and they received—these stones. So far all is simple. A beggar is any man who asks in the name of charity, like a drowning man, or a man on a desert island. But the first man may be a drowning Duke; the second may own many other islands, by no means desert.

In big civilizations, however, crowded and full of familiar custom, we come to know pretty quickly when a man is really poor, when he will probably never be able to repay up except with gratitude. Then, we put him in jail. That is all quite simple, if scarcely with a Christian simplicity. But what is far from simple

is this new, portentous proposal that the rich man should share with the poor man the same punishing punishment; justly due to both because they have both been equal partners in the act of Christian charity. Hitherto our law has given a special and hideous meaning to the sentence. It is better to give than to receive."

TO ASK AND TO GIVE.

In the slums of London or Glasgow this has, indeed, been true. To give only meant being blamed by economists. Torocive meant being walked off by policeman. But if the alms-giver is to be punished too, we shall really see tremendous larks. As far as I can see, all the generous rich will be put in jail, leaving only the mean rich to govern the State, a condition to which we have, indeed, through many causes, been tending, but which we never thought would be completed and crowned by such a coup-d'etat as this. Already to ask is a crime, though it is not a sin. Now apparently, to give is a crime, though it is actually a virtue.

But, indeed, any such nonsense can be stopped and answered by one quite simple question. All this cold, fishy philosophy about the wrongness of giving prompt and personal help to the poor arose nearly a century ago, when people really believed in "science" and scientific keys to social life. Before that time, philanthropy had been mainly personal, and perhaps excessively so.

"WHAT AM I TO DO?"

About that time men began to enrich hospitals and soup-kitchens and organized charities generally; so that when they said, "Do not give to beggars," they also meant (to do them justice), "Do give to hospitals, soup-kitchens, etc." If a man refused a penny to a starving vagabond, at least there was a box somewhere into which he could drop it safely. Is there a box now into which he can drop it safely? The answer is, unfortunately, that there are very few.

Of course, just as there are honest beggars there are honest charities. Of course, there are settlements that have genuinely settled, as there are tramps that have genuinely tramped. But we are talking about confidence as in Consols or the Derby favourite. And the plain fact is that some modern men have as much difficulty in believing in organized charity as they have in believing in their own personal charity. Why should a man send five shillings to the secretary of a society, instead of giving it to a navy asking for a bed? He has seen the navy. He has never seen the Secretary.

Some schemes of organized charity declare that every other scheme does more harm than good. There are stupid organizers as well as stupid alms-givers. I therefore ask the magistrate quite simply, "What am I to do?" Before I go to prison for the many occasions upon which I have given money in the street, let him tell me where I ought to have given the money. I shall continue to keep my money for anyone I meet who looks as if he required it.—G. K. Chesterton.

MONEY IN THE COLONY.

Returns of the average amount of bank notes in circulation and of specie in reserve, in Hongkong, during the month ended 30th April, 1911, as certified by the managers of the respective Banks:—

Banks.	Average Amount in Reserve.
Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China...	5,024,339 4,000,000
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation...	13,402,750 9,000,000
National Bank of China, Limited...	24,815 Nil.
Total...	19,147,094 13,000,000

Two men were charged this morning with street gambling in Connaught Road West. After hearing the evidence the Magistrate imposed a fine of \$25 on the first defendant, but discharged the second.

## SUNDAY SERVICES.

Peak Church.—Holy Communion, at 8 a.m.

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong.—30th April; 2nd Sunday after Easter. Holy Communion, 8.15 a.m. Matins, 11 a.m.; Responses, Psalms; Venite, Hallel; Psalms of the 30th morning; To Deum, Lawes, Cooke and Hopkins; Benedictus, Barnby. Holy Communion, 11.45 a.m.; Hymns, 140, 259 and 107; Kyrie, Hiles in G. Evensong, 5.45 p.m.; Responses, Psalms; Magnificat, Nuno Dimittis, Maundrell in G.; Anthem, "Sing praises," Gounod; Hymns, 13, and 428; Sevenfold Amen. Preacher, Rev. C. E. Thompson, B.A.; Voluntary, Fantasie and Fugue—Bach.

Union Church, Kennedy Road.—Special Morning Preacher, Rev. G. H. Boudfield. Public Worship 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Service for Children in Peak Church at 3 p.m., conducted by Rev. C. H. Hickling.

St. Peter's Church, Queen's Road, West.—3rd Sunday after Easter, 7th May, 1911. Matins, 11 a.m. Venite, Elvey Banks. Psalms, "Langdon's Collection." Henley, Trent. To Deum, Woodward, Smart, Turle, Kyrie, Abba. Hymns, 107, 204, 100, 301. Holy Communion, 12.15 p.m. Evensong, 5.30 p.m. Psalms, Goss. Magnificat, Smart, 14th p.m. Nuno dimittis, Barnby 7th p.m. Hymns, 379, 330, 552, 24.

St. Andrew's Church, Nathan Road, Kowloon.—3rd Sunday after Easter, 30th April. Morning Service at 11 a.m. Holy Communion at 8 a.m. noon. Sunday School at 2.30 p.m., in British School. Evening Service at 6 p.m.

German Chapel, 11 a.m., German Service, Pastor J. Muller.

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## PARTICULARS and CONDITIONS of Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 15th day of May, 1911, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND adjoining Garden Lot No. 2, Caroline Hill Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st January, 1896.

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TIENSIN CHEONGSHING \* ..... Thursday, 11th May, Noon.  
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MANILA WINGSANG \* ..... Saturday, 18th May, 2 p.m.  
SANDAKAN MAUSANG \* ..... Wednesday, 17th May, Noon.

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Hongkong, 1st May, 1911. [805]

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—  
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DESTINATIONS.	STEAMERS.	SAILING DATES, 1911
MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO AND PORT SAID....	AKI MARU, Capt. K. Homma, Tons 7,000 MISHIMA MARU, Capt. A. E. Moses, Tons 9,000 KAGA MARU, Capt. M. Hagius, Tons 7,000	WEDNESDAY, 10th May, at Daylight WEDNESDAY, 24th May, at Daylight WEDNESDAY, 7th June, at Daylight

VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE... KAMAKURA MARU, Capt. B. Kon, Tons 7,000, SATURDAY, 20th May, from KOBE

VICTORIA, B.C., & SEATTLE via KIEL, SHANGHAI, MOJI, KURE, YOKKAICHI, SHIMIZU & YOKOHAMA	AWA MARU, Capt. Iizawa, Tons 7,000 YAWATA MARU, Capt. S. Tomioka, Tons 7,000	TUESDAY, 23rd May, at 4 p.m. TUESDAY, 20th June, at 4 p.m.
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SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE.....	KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Winkler, Tons 6,000 YAWATA MARU, Capt. J. Nagao, Tons 6,000	FRIDAY, 12th May, at Noon FRIDAY, 9th June, at Noon
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SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE HAKATA MARU, Capt. A. Macker, Tons 7,000, WEDNESDAY, 10th May.

NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA YAWATA MARU, Capt. J. Nagao, Tons 6,000, WEDNESDAY, 10th May, at 4 p.m.

KOBE and YOKOHAMA ATSUTA MARU, Capt. Wm. Thompson, T. 9,000, THURSDAY, 11th May, at 11 a.m.

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SHANGHAI.....	"CHINQUA".....	6th May, 6 p.m.
TIENSIN.....	"KUEICHOV".....	9th .. 9 a.m.
TSINGTAU, CHEFOO & NEWCHANG.....	"KWANGSE".....	9th .. 4 p.m.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO.....	"KAIFONG".....	9th .. 4 p.m.

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PHILIPPINES  
STEAMSHIP CO.

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RUBI.....	4000	S. Crosby	MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	WEDNESDAY, 10th May, 4 p.m.
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Steamer	Tons	Captain	Date of Sailing
Tenyo Maru.....	21,000	E. Bent	Friday, May 12, 1 p.m.
Nippon Maru.....	11,000	H. S. Smith	Friday, June 2, 1 p.m.

† Triple Sorews, turbine engines. \* Twin Sorews.

All Steamers are equipped with the Japanese Government Wireless Telegraph and Post Office.

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Steamer	Tons	Captain	Date of Sailing
Hongkong Maru.....	11,000	H. Hinokuma	Saturday, June 17, 1 p.m.
Kiyo Maru.....	17,200	H. Nishi	Tuesday, Aug. 15, 1 p.m.
Buyo Maru.....	10,500	K. Hashimoto	Saturday, Oct. 17, 1 p.m.

The Steamers "HONGKONG MARU" will be despatched for MANILA, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU, MANZANILLO, SALINA CRUZ, CALLAO, LIMA, VALPARAISO, and CORONEL.

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## CANTON NEWS.

(The "Telegraph" Correspondent.)

BIG DISCOVERY OF  
BOMBS.

After the accident to the official at the Military Training Department, the Canton officials thought it dangerous to store two large baskets of bombs, which had been discovered, and thought the best way of disposing of them was to dump them into the river. Two men were engaged to carry these dangerous explosives to Pak Ngor Tam, under an escort of soldiers. As the party were on the way, the pedestrians were greatly alarmed at the sight of such a large quantity of bombs. On arrival at Pak Ngor Tam, they were deposited in the river one by one.

## THE VICEROY'S PRECAUTIONS.

During the Viceroy's stay, in the Military Training Department, His Excellency has found that there are a superfluous number of underlings employed in the department, and was very annoyed at the behaviour of some of them. Yesterday His Excellency distributed a number of rosettes with the Viceroy's seal inscribed on them, and bearing the names and numbers of those who received them. He also instructed the bravos, stationed in Koon Yam Shan and Leung Wong Temple, and also his own body-guard, to exchange verbal signals every night. This is a precaution against anarchists passing as bravos and members of his body-guard.

## MORE GUN RUNNING.

The Canton Customs has handed over a prisoner, who was guilty of smuggling guns and bullets into Canton by one of the Hongkong and Canton steamers, to the Nam Hoi Magistracy, for punishment. At the trial, the prisoner declared that the contraband had been smuggled by another passenger. The prisoner has been removed to the Nam Hoi prison pending the institution of an enquiry into the case.

## THE FAITHFUL REWARDED

As already reported in our columns, Prefect Li Cheung Shun, director of the finance department, was shot on the evening of the Canton outbreak. The other officials, employed in the same department, have now requested the Provincial Treasurer to ask the Canton Viceroy to allow the deceased's family some gratuity. The Viceroy has given the deceased's family Ts. 100, and, at the same time, instructed the Provincial Treasurer to find out the number of employees attached to the various official departments who have been wounded while on duty. The Viceroy instructed the Provincial Treasurer to allow them \$10 each for medical treatment.

AN UNFORTUNATE  
ACCIDENT.

Yesterday afternoon while H.E. the Viceroy and Admiral Li Chun were trying the insurgent who had surrendered himself to the police at the Military Training Department, a serious accident occurred. The bombs, which had been discovered, were placed in the courtyard, and Mr. Ng, an official attached to the Military Training Department, accidentally kicked one of them, which immediately exploded. Ng fell on the ground, and had his left leg blown off and his right foot cut into two. He was rendered unconscious, and five soldiers, standing there at the time, were more or less wounded. All the officials who were seated on the bench at the time were greatly alarmed and ran to the aid of the unfortunate official. After a long time Ng regained consciousness, and he was then removed to the French and Chinese hospital for treatment. The doctors declared that his wounds though serious were not fatal. It would take at least a fortnight for him to recover. By replacing the lost limb by a wooden leg, he might be able to walk. Before the accident the unfortunate official invited Commander Ng Chin-ka to go with him to inspect the bombs for the sake of gaining experience, but this official fortunately declined.



## THE GULF EXPEDITION.

## A GREAT MISTAKE AT DUBAI.

Karachi, April 8th.—A Persian Gulf correspondent writes to the "Sind Gazette" as follows:—"The Dubai incident has done more harm than good to British prestige in these parts. The Arab—otherwise a good and hospitable friend—once offended, is hard to reconcile. It is stated it was only through intervention of the Sheik of Dubai that the total slaughter of the entire landing party from H. M. S. "Hyacinth" was averted. They state positively that a respectable innocent man's house was attacked and invaded during the night when all the inmates were asleep, and as no arms were found in the house it was considered a great insult. "The people add that the rifles handed over were collected from those allowed to import arms under treaty, and that it was under great pressure and threat of bombardment of the town that its 50,000 were paid down. The Arabs now will have nothing to do with anything British. They do not allow any European to land at Dubai who may represent any British company's interests.

"As the outlook is ominous, Colonel Cox has deemed it necessary to revisit those parts, and it is only he who can conciliate the Arab and make a friend of him again. Although they refused to take back the money they paid, great things are expected from the Resident's visit and there is no doubt that the special task, combined with the affability of Colonel Cox, will stand him in good stead at this difficult moment.

"As anticipated, the Afghans are not very quiet, and as reported by Roulet, some are already approaching the Southern coast of Eastern Persia. Only lately four Afghans, disguised as dervishes, arrived at Bunder Abbas from the interior, but were at once detected by the Indian police on special duty and duly deported to Karachi. They were reported to have been spies sent in advance, and more gangs are expected to arrive in due time. The British Consulate at Bunder Abbas has been put in a thorough defensive state to repulse any attack from the gun-runners who are reported to be marching downwards through Eastern Persia.

"It is rumored that H.M.S. "Perseus" pursued two "dhows" laden with arms, and finding they were hard pressed they ran into the harbour of Kishim Island, where a man-of-war is keeping them under close surveillance, and will soon effect their capture. During the summer months of last year the vigilance of the Eastern Squadron in the Persian Gulf slackened a bit, and owing to the excessive heat, some of the ships left for India, but this year every ship's crew will have to stand to their guns, as the gun-runners are becoming active."

## INDIAN NEWS.

An unknown man, who must have trespassed on the lines, was knocked down and killed by an early morning passenger train, some distance away from the Chundanga Station on the E. B. S. Railway, says the "Indian Daily News." When the Police arrived on the scene, some time after, to remove the body, they found only the bones left. The body, it is said, had been devoured by vultures and crows. The District Magistrate of Nudera, who was informed of the occurrence, has called for an explanation from the Sub-Inspector of Police, as to why he did not proceed to the scene earlier. An enquiry is proceeding to ascertain who is responsible for the accident.

Mr. H. Macnaghten, of No. 12 Belvedere Road, Alipur, was riding his horse on the maidan, when one of the stirrups broke. The horse bolted, and ran towards the Canal Road. It dashed Mr. Macnaghten against a wall near the Kidderpore Bridge. The horse continued its wild career but was eventually secured. Mr. Macnaghten's leg was injured. He jumped into a tram car and proceeded home.

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France—Bank T.T. ....	2.28 1/2
America—Bank T.T. ....	41
Germany—Bank T.T. ....	1.84 1/2
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Do. Demand .....	136 1/2
Shanghai—Bank T.T. ....	74 1/2
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Japan—Bank T.T. ....	89 1/2
Java—Bank T.T. ....	108 1/2
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## SHIPPING NEWS.

### MAILS DUE.

American (Persia) 10th inst.  
English (Dover) 10th inst.  
American (Korea) 19th inst.  
American (Siberia) 30th inst.

The H.A.L. s.s. Suevia left Shanghai on 6th inst., a.m., and may be expected here on 9th inst., p.m.

The s.s. Arrataday from Calcutta left Singapore on 5th inst., afternoon, and may be expected here on 11th inst.

The N.Y.K. s.s. Yawata Maru, Australian Line, left Manila for this port on 6th inst., and is expected here on 8th inst.

The N.Y.K. s.s. Hakata Maru, Bombay Line, left Singapore for this port on 5th inst., and is expected here on 11th inst.

The P.O.S.N. Co.'s s.s. De-vanah left Singapore for this port on 5th inst., at 5 p.m., with the outward English Mails, and is due here on 10th inst., at 6 a.m.

The O.P.L. Co.'s s.s. Empress Japan arrived at Kobe at 1.30 p.m., on 5th inst., and left again at midnight same day, for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 8 a.m., on 9th inst.

The P.M.S.S. Co.'s s.s. Korea from San Francisco sailed from Yokohama on 6th inst., en route to Hongkong, and is due here on 10th inst., and will be dispatched from this port at 1 p.m., on 27th inst., for San Francisco via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu.

### ARRIVALS.

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St. Albans, Br. s.s., 4,118, W. G. McArthur, 6th May—Australia Ports via Manila and May, Gen.—G. L. & Co.  
Belgravia, Ger. s.s., 4,205, Th. Hildebrandt, 6th May—Shanghai 2nd May, Gen.—H. A. L.  
Choshun Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,301, J. Yamaguchi, 6th May—Fuefuki 3rd May, Gen.—O. S. K.  
Chihluu, Br. s.s., 1,945, Benson, 6th May—Canton 5th May, Gen.—B. & S.  
Salahadj, Dutch s.s., 1,237, J. Reedeker, 6th May—Balik Papan 29th April, Liquid.—A. P. & Co.  
Bloemfontein, Br. s.s., 2,958, J. B. Paterson, 6th May—Singapore 1st May, Gen.—S. T. & Co.

### CLEARANCES AT THE HARBOUR OFFICE.

Hindis, for Swatow.  
Salahadj, for Tarakan.  
Changshing, for Canton.  
Haimun, for Swatow.  
Saverio, for Moji.  
Glenstrae, for Calcutta.  
Fukui-maru, for Moji.  
Gemma, for Penang.  
Kwelin, for Amoy.  
Pohawur, for Takao.  
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Prosper, for Karachi.  
Daigimaru, for Swatow.  
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### DEPARTURES.

May 6.  
Mennon, for Saigon.  
Arabian, for Shanghai.  
Varie, for Saigon.  
Singen, for Haiphong.  
Glenstrae, for Calcutta.  
Kwelin, for Shanghai.  
Changshing, for Canton.

### PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

Per Albans, arrived on 6th May, from Sydney, &c.:—  
Candida, Sister Maderolus, Miss Dupree, W. S. Consuelo Grieve, John Octava, Sister Jacobson, Alfred Udey, G. P. Koon, A. B. Wright, Tobias.

### PASSENGERS DEPARTED.

Per American Maru, for San Francisco on 5th May:—  
Abbott, Mrs. McDowell, Miss Buttolph, Mr. & Mrs. R. C. Mackenzie.  
Barrie, Mrs. M. Marshall, Rev. Biddle, Mrs. and Miss Miller, J. F. Bran, O. Nathieson, Mar- Carter, Mr. and Mrs. (3).  
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Davis, Mrs. B. Patterson, Miss Dalrymple, Lieut. Phipps, L. E. and Mrs. Premyslaw, Mr. Eddy, L. de  
Fawell, Mrs. Prinzhan, Prof. Griffiths, Miss M. Rafalski, Mrs. C. Russell, Mrs. Harvey, Mr. and Radow, P. Mrs. Swaino, J. K. Hawkins, N. B. Shirashu, M. Hood, Mr. & Mrs. Sprague, Mrs. G. Subojena, Miss Holst, F. Sattolphi, Miss Heymann, Mrs. L. Schwaizer, Mr. & Mrs. Iroy, W. S. Sayors, Mrs. Knwasaki, H. Shan, S. L. Kimberley, Mr. Scholtz, Mr. & Mrs. Ling, Mr. and Schroder, J. Mrs. S. Speiser, Mr. & Lubbock, Mrs. Selmt, Dr. and Lee, Mr. & Mrs. Taylor, Rev. Dr. Leavitt, J. M. L. Little, Miss S. B. Taylor, Misses Myer, Mrs. B. F. W. Mignoll, Tomlinson, H. Munson, S. N. Wathieson, McDowell, Miss Master Warner, Miss G. Melowell, Miss Williams, Miss Moore, Yamamoto, S.

### SHIPS PASSED THE CANAL.

2nd May—Achilles, Denbigbhiro Perous. 5th May—Ajax, Asyanax, Nubia, Palawan, Peiho, Polynesian, Siam, Slavonia, Steiner, Prousen, Buffalo.

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## POST OFFICE.

Only fully prepaid letters and post-cards are transmissible by the Siberian Route to Europe.

The Public are informed that the Parcel Mails for the British Post Offices at Shanghai and Hankow placed on board the s.s. Asia have been lost in the wreck.

The Chiyuen, with the Siberian Mail is expected to arrive here to-morrow.

The Tourano, with the Siberian Mail is due to arrive here on Monday, the 8th inst.

### A Mail will close for:—

Swatow—Per Haimun, 7th May, 9 a.m.  
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui—Per Daigimaru, 7th May, 9 a.m.  
Penang and Rangoon—Per Germania, 7th May, 9 a.m.  
Shanghai, Moji and Kobe—Per St. Albans, 7th May, 11 a.m.  
Haiphong—Per Hongkong, 8th May, 9 a.m.

Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per Namsang, 8th May, 11 a.m.  
Macao—Per Sui Tai, 8th May, 1.15 p.m.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama (Siberian Mail to Europe)—Per Nera, 8th May, 4 p.m.

Tientsin—Per Kauldow, 8th May, 4 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Hainan, 9th May, 10 a.m.  
Amoy and Takao—Per Yehio-maru, 9th May, 10 a.m.

Europe, &c., India via Tuticorin—Per Tourano, 9th May, 11 a.m.  
Macao—Per Sui Tai, 9th May, 1.15 p.m.

Tsingtau, Chefoo and Newchwang—Per Kwangso, 9th May, 3 p.m.

Manila, Cebu and Iloilo—Per Kaifong, 9th May, 3 p.m.

Singapore, Penang and Colombo—Per Akti-maru, 9th May, 5 p.m.

Port Bayard and Haiphong—Si-Kiang, 10th May, 8 a.m.

Swatow—Per Haimun, 10th May, 10 a.m.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama—Per Yawata-maru, 10th May, 11 a.m.

Manila, Cebu and Iloilo—Per Rubi, 10th May, 3 p.m.

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Manila, Cebu, Iloilo, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth, Dundee and Fremantle—Per Kumano-maru, 12th May, 10 a.m.

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Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per Linsang, 13th May, 10 a.m.

Sourabaya—Per Tiliatani, 13th May, 10 a.m.

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Choshi	"	30.22 53 48	—	—	—	—	—
W'haiwei	6a	30.18 55 80	—	—	—	—	—
Hankow	"	30.18 55 80	—	—	—	—	—
K'iang	"	30.25 57 74	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai	"	30.25 57 74	—	—	—	—	—
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Sharp P'K	"	30.21 70 85	—	—	—	—	—
Amoy	6a	29.97 76 77	—	—	—	—	—
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Cap Rock	"	29.97	—	—	—	—	—
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